

Crossings



Dear Friends,

I hope this trimmed down version of *Crossings* will provide you with the basic information you need for events coming in September. We will return to our regular mailings after September 1st (see following paragraph). If you have any questions please call the office and we will be happy to help you. September is really a month of celebration for us at Christ Church. It is a time when we celebrate our coming back together after many of us have been away for much of the Summer. Programs begin again, fellowship opportunities abound, and there are even some new offerings that we believe will enhance your journey with God and with one another.

I am pleased to announce that JoAnn Amicangelo has joined the staff at Christ Church Grosse Pointe as Director of Communications effective September 1, 2009. She has worked in Episcopal churches for 13 years, creating award-winning newsletters and effective communication plans that parishioners come to rely on to publicize their ministries and events. At the same time JoAnn has managed her own business as a journalist and business communications writer, serving clients such as *Crain's Detroit Business*, *The Detroit News*, *Metro Parent Magazine* and local business owners. Her career includes a variety of positions at local ad agencies and management of a graphic design studio. She lives in Dearborn with her husband and two daughters.

In response to her call to join our staff, JoAnn said, "I am excited to have the opportunity to serve CCGP in promoting the many vital ministries and rich parish community life that exists here. I look forward to getting to know you as we work together to promote God's mission in the world."

JoAnn's office hours will be Tuesday – Thursday, 9 am – 3 pm. Additionally, she will work from home and on other special events celebrating the life of Christ Church. Please take an opportunity early in September to welcome JoAnn to the Christ Church family.

As we close out the summer, I encourage you to be present for our *Homecoming Sunday* on September 13th following the 10:15 service. Come dressed for a picnic!! We will also be blessing backpacks for children, teachers, and even parents during the 10:15 service.

Christ Church is a great place to experience God's love between one another. Join in any of a number of the events mentioned in this mailing to experience that love and fellowship.

Peace,

The Rev. Brad Whitaker
Rector

Worship

Fall Worship Schedule begins on Sunday, September 20th.

- 5:30 pm Saturday
- 8 am, 9 am & 11:15 am Sunday.

Also on Sunday, **September 13th** –bring your school backpack for the **Blessing of the Backpacks** at the 10:15 am service for students and teachers. A great way to start off the school year!

Join us for Wednesday noon Eucharist beginning September 16th.

Christian Formation for Children

Our program year begins on Sunday, September 20, with formation classes beginning at 10:10 am. If you have not already registered your child for Sunday School it is not too late. Please download a Christian Formation registration form from the website or pick one up from the bulletin boards on the 1st or 2nd floors in the Education Wing.



We are also encouraging children to fill out a 3T Card - Time, Talent, & Treasure. There are new opportunities for children this year. Children can sign up to be greeters or ushers during the 9 am service. What a great way to encourage giving back to the Church! We are also looking for adults to join as team leaders in our Sunday School classrooms. Please consider joining us for this life giving opportunity! For more information, contact Lisa Flores, ext. 116.



MOPS: What is MOPS? We are a group of moms with children (birth-Kindergarten) who get together for support, fun, friendship, information, reflection and fellowship.

When & Where? The 1st & 3rd Mondays (Sept.-May) from 8:45—11 am at Christ Church Grosse Pointe beginning September 21st. Our children are cared for (on-site) by loving caregivers in a Christian preschool-like program called MOPPETS during our meetings. For more information call 313.885.4841 ext. 126

Adult Formation

Tuesdays Together begins September 22.



- Children's Choir, 4:30-5:15 pm
- Children's Program, 5:15-5:45 pm—fun, energizing games for children through grade 5
- Coffee with the Rector 5:15 –5:45 pm, Miller Hall
- Worship for all at 5:45 pm
- Dinner at 6 pm in the Undercroft
- Adult programming is from 6:30 until 7:30 pm

Brad will lead a discussion on the issues of Images of God, The Randomness of Nature and Where God Fits In. The text for this 5 week session will be the book *The Shack*. Copies will be available by September 22nd from the Cloister Bookshop.

Wednesday Bible Study: Spend Wednesdays in October with The Gospel According to Luke. The Rev. Dr. Lynne Kogel will be our guest teacher beginning October 7th from 10:30-11:45 am. The first session will be "Locating Luke in History." What is history in the ancient world and why was Luke so interested in it? What difference does our notion of history make in the way we treat each other? For example: In the *Iliad*, Homer gave responsibility for human affairs to the gods, but in the *Odyssey*, he gave responsibility for outcomes to Ulysses. In Luke, who is responsible: people or God? On the following Wednesdays the topics will be "Parables," "The Prodigal Son and Forgiveness," and "Locating Luke-Acts in Geography." Come join us reading God's WORD.

Sunday offerings will begin on September 20th with a Rector's Forum. A catalogue of adult offerings will be available in September.

Youth

- **High School Pizza Lunch** resumes Thursday, September 17th. We are in need of volunteers to help with this year-long ministry. Please contact Ben Daume for details.

Music



- **Evensong** will be sung with Christ Church Cranbrook September 20th at 4:30 pm.
- **Children's Choir** grades 1-5. Meeting Tuesdays from 4:30-5:15 pm in the Lower Level. The Children's Choir will perform from time to time at the 9 am service. This is a great way for your child to become involved in the Music Program at Christ Church. Contact Scott Hanoian (ext. 102) for more information.

Parish Life

- Make plans to attend our **Homecoming Picnic on Sunday, September 13th**, following the 10:15 service. Join us to celebrate our new program year. We will meet on the front lawn for fellowship, lunch, and games. There will be a nominal fee to cover the cost of food.
- **The Annual Fall Tea** will be held Thursday, September 17th, from 3 to 5 pm at the home of Anne Birgbauer, 161 Country Club Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms. Transportation is available. Please R.S.V.P. to the Church office 313.885.4841 by September 15th.
- **Fall clean-up!** It's that time of year again – please join us on Saturdays, Sept 26th, Oct 24th and Nov 21st for a parish-wide clean-up of the church grounds. Help us prepare the flower beds for winter. Bring your favorite gardening tool if you like. We will meet from 8 am-noon. Hot dogs, chips and lemonade will be served. Any questions, call Mike Fournier, ext. 109.

Memorials

Dr. Walter Payne

Stuart W. Grigg

Persis Whitney

George J. Reindel, III
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph F. Maycock, Jr.

Sterling Graham

Linda Hart

Eric Stroh

Linda Hart

Doug Spencer

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Constant

Patricia Chalmers

Mr. & Mrs. George A. Nicholson III

Marijean Frickel

Karen Horn

John T. Albrecht

Katherine N. Anslow
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Carter
Joyce A. Emerson
Karen Horn
Mr. & Mrs. Julius Huebner
Dr. & Mrs. Alex F. Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lorenger
Anne Wrigley Molesky
Marilyn B. Morison
Helen Santiz
Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe
Mr. & Mrs. George Snyder
Elizabeth Soby
Sheila M. Sweeny
Ann Taylor
Dave Taylor
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Weir



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Look for the new **Parish Directory** to
arrive in your mailbox mid-September.

Clergy & Staff at Christ Church

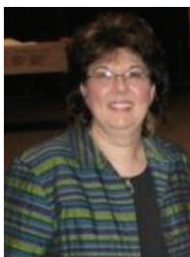
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Our Vestry

Peggy Beadle, Libby Candler (Junior Warden), Denise Crenshaw, Ted Hagan, Joseph Katulic, Susan Larsen (Secretary), Mark Lorenger, Joseph F. Maycock, Jr. (Senior Warden), David McCoy, Patricia O'Brien, Carrie Sutton, Donald N. Sweeny III, Amie Sweeney, Allan J. Torp, Jeff vonSchwarz

Welcome to our new Communications Director!

JoAnn Amicangelo has joined the staff at Christ Church Grosse Pointe as Director of Communications effective September 1, 2009. Please refer to Brad's message for more about JoAnn.



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