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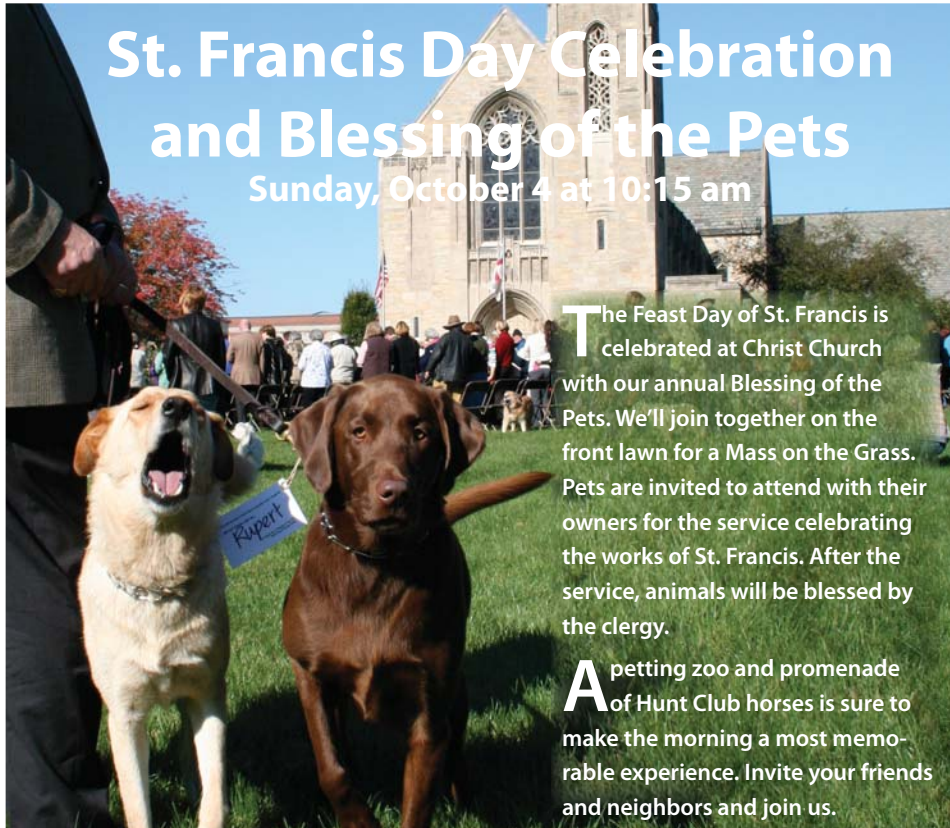
Christ Church Grosse Pointe



October • November 2009

St. Francis Day Celebration and Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, October 4 at 10:15 am



The Feast Day of St. Francis is celebrated at Christ Church with our annual Blessing of the Pets. We'll join together on the front lawn for a Mass on the Grass. Pets are invited to attend with their owners for the service celebrating the works of St. Francis. After the service, animals will be blessed by the clergy.

A petting zoo and promenade of Hunt Club horses is sure to make the morning a most memorable experience. Invite your friends and neighbors and join us.

FROM THE RECTOR Moving forward for a renewed pattern of growth

Dear Friends,



During the past year, your vestry has invested significant time in the process of deepening our understanding of the mission statement of Christ Church, that is to bring God and people together to know and live the Good News of Jesus Christ. Because this mission statement was adopted by a previous vestry in 1999, in order for its meaning to take root in action, each succeeding vestry has had to explore what this statement means for us in its own particular time.

Your present vestry has done this work through a variety of exercises leading them to identify key ministries as those that will bring about renewed growth at Christ Church. The vestry recognized that all the ministries of the parish are important in our life together and with the larger community around us. The vestry also felt there were specific ministries needing our present attention to promote growth. These priorities include:

- commitment to growth through the ministry of incorporating new and renewed members into the life of the parish,
- enriching an already active and healthy worship life,
- continuing our effort in growing our understanding of Christian stewardship,
- enhancing the pastoral care we offer one another, and
- raising the commitment of our energies and resources in Christian Formation to the level of other successful ministries at Christ Church.

The Gift of Giving

Christ Church First kicks off annual stewardship campaign

With The Gift of Giving as the theme for this year's Stewardship Campaign, the Christ Church First Committee (CCF) is excited about the potential for joy to spring from their efforts to inspire parishioners to give to support the large array of ministries at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

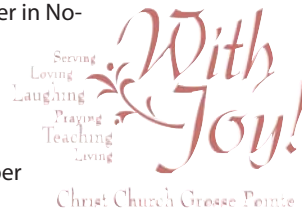
"We chose the theme in light of the tremendous response from parishioners last year to help stave off the economic conditions that threatened Christ Church," said Peggy Beadle, Stewardship Co-chair. "The parish's response to the matching fund was a true gift, allowing the church to continue to offer all the programs and services we have come to expect at Christ Church."

Believing that the church must move forward to build and expand the ministries of the church, CCF has set a goal of \$1.2 million for this year's campaign.

"Reaching that goal would provide us with an extra \$100,000, allowing us to move forward in providing

funding for children and youth ministries. This is an investment that is long overdue and one that will ultimately strengthen the parish and promote our growth," said Rev. Brad.

The Gift of Giving campaign is now underway. On Sunday, October 18, Rev. Brad's message will address the campaign and CCF will debut a power point presentation highlighting parish life. Parishioners will want to begin using the *Gift of Giving* Devotional Guide that day. Written by parishioners it will be available for pickup at the church on October 10 and 11. Pledge cards, which will be mailed to every member in November, will be received on Commitment Sunday, November 22.



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From the Rector

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As a means of advancing the parish in its growth, the vestry created the Moving Forward Committee, chaired by Libby Candler, Junior Warden, and Betsy Creedon, most recent Senior Warden. This committee's charge was

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to study the specific areas of growth identified by the vestry and present a set of short-term, mid-term and long-term goals we believe will move us forward in our renewed period of growth.

The work of your vestry has put us in a wonderful posture to enter into 2010 and beyond. Your support of these focus growth areas and all the ministries of Christ Church will be

the final act that will give birth to a new period of growth for this parish. Now is the time for us to emerge as a parish that demonstrates what it claims as its core values. Christian Formation for all members, and most particularly for our children and youth in this time in our life is a critical means to bringing God and people together to know and live the Good News of Jesus Christ. An exciting immediate result of the work of this committee is the joining together of 12 adults and myself as the new team of persons ready to implement a plan to revive our Episcopal Youth Community (EYC). Check out our Christ Church Grosse Pointe youth page on Facebook.

While most of the initiatives from the Moving Forward Committee will have very little impact on our annual budget, others come with significant dollar costs. You will be hearing more about this from the Christ Church First committee and the plans for our annual stewardship campaign.

Together we can reach our goals. Christ Church has a long history of moving forward without having to step back. I am energized as ever in regards to the ways in which we are bringing God and people together to know and live the Good News of Jesus Christ. Let's join in this effort together and be prepared to welcome those who will be joining us on our journey with Christ.

Peace,



The Rev. Brad Whitaker

Ministry to Aid the Aging and Disabled

Pointers Sustained

Community volunteers in the Grosse Pointes, including members of CCGP, are working with Services for Older Citizens (SOC) to create a membership-driven, community-based network that will help older residents and people with disabilities live comfortably and independently in their own homes.

Initiated by Rev. David, Pointers Sustained, will reach their goal by understanding, building upon, expanding and coordinating resources that are already available in the community.

Pointers Sustained is considering two home and community support system models, or some combination of both. The first is called "Aging in Community" which involves organizing and delivering trustworthy programs and services that allow older adults and people living with disabilities to lead safe, healthy, productive lives in their own home for as long as possible.

"In this model, members would have access to a one-stop shop of discounted, trustworthy services in the areas of health

and wellness, social and lifestyle opportunities and community engagement," said Rev. David. "It helps to build community and address social isolation."

The second approach would be a Reciprocity/Time Bank Model whereby for every hour you spend doing something for someone in your community, you earn one Time Dollar, which you can then spend on having someone do something for you.

"In this model, everyone has something to offer. Depending on the needs in the community, services might include snow shoveling and lawn care, grocery shopping, transportation, respite care, dog walking, or baby sitting," said Rev. David. "The idea is to make solutions to everyday problems more convenient, less costly and more neighborly."

He added that this form of reciprocity and exchange often makes it easier for people to ask for help.

If you'd like to learn more about this emerging project at CCGP, please contact Rev. David at ext. 105 or Betsy Creedon at 881.2878.

Stephen Ministers

The Stephen Ministry of Christ Church Grosse Pointe has been a vital component to pastoral care in our parish for almost two decades, providing a listening presence for those who are going through tough times. Trained lay persons, Stephen Ministers are equipped for one-on-one care within the congregation. They are open to short- or longer-term support for any kind of crisis, pain, transition or loss. Please consider this valuable resource for yourself or as a referral to others. For more information, please contact Stephen Ministry leaders Rev. David, Ben Daume, Polly Ledyard, Sharon Snyder, or Michael DeFillipi.

Career and Services Directory

We think it would be great to have a resource of available businesses and services within our parish community. That's why we're putting together a Career Services Directory and we want everyone to be a part of it. The directory will list parishioners' businesses or career expertise, – everything from attorneys to dog sitters, along with their contact information.

"This will become a valuable resource for

the entire parish whether you're looking for a service or for those seeking employment," said Rev. David. "It has the potential to enhance the CCGP family economy."

Getting involved is as simple as completing a short form with your contact information. To do so, please contact Rev. David at ext. 105 or Richard Gibson at 822.6148.

Celtic Worship & Communion

The heart-stirring music and rich contemplation of Celtic worship have increasing appeal in today's stress-filled world. This year Christ Church is introducing afternoon services of traditional Celtic music and liturgy drawn from ancient communities such as Iona and Lindisfarne, services designed to inspire and renew our spirits. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on Sunday, November 8 at 4:30 pm.

YOUTH = EYC

There's a new community forming at CCGP for young people in middle school and high school. Called Episcopal Youth Community, or EYC, we're hosting our first gathering on Sunday, October 18 at 1 pm. We'll hang out Pier Park, play some games, have a picnic lunch, and generally have a blast getting to know one another. You won't want to miss it, so text your friends and plan to be there. In the meantime, check out EYC on Facebook and make us your friend.

Seasonal Flu Shots

We're planning to offer a Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 15. Nurses from Beaumont Hospital will be here between 10 am and 2 pm to administer seasonal (not N1H1) flu vaccines at a competitive fee. To reserve a shot for you, please contact Maryann DeAngelo at ext. 100.

Fall Outside Grounds Clean Up
Saturday
October 24 and November 21
8 am — Noon

Hot Dog lunch at Noon. For more information, please contact Mike Fournier at x109.



Christmas is here ...

according to Toys 'R Us, Hallmark Corp. and Madison Avenue, anyway!

22nd annual Christmas Gift Project

This year marks our 22nd year providing Christmas gifts to members of our sister parish, Church of the Messiah, and to Alternatives for Girls, through our annual Christmas Gift Project. Thank you and congratulations on continuing such a wonderful legacy of advocacy and service to the community!

We have approximately 150 names from Church of the Messiah and 55 names from Alternatives for Girls which will be posted soon on the bulletin boards in the Undercroft. The age, gender,

Gift Giving Program Guidelines

- Write your own name on the sign-up sheet, after the gift recipient's number (a letter and number found in the upper right-hand corner of their information sheet and tag).
- Do not lose your form!
- Use the gift tag provided.
- Submit your gifts by December 13.
- Please do not take the gifts to the recipients yourself.

sizes, needs and interests of the recipients are indicated on each person's information

sheet, along with instructions for you to follow. The committee recommends a giving limit of \$30 per person. We also encourage you to be creative in your gift-giving strategies! This project has been so successful over the years directly due to your participation and we deeply appreciate it!

If you have questions or concerns or would like to join the committee or offer assistance, please contact Eldonna L. May at 886.7957 or ad8192@wayne.edu.

Servant Leaders at Christ Church

Candidates Sought for Vestry

Adapted from article by Betsy Creedon

The vestry at Christ Church Grosse Pointe is the lay governance body elected by

majority vote of the parish at the annual parish meeting. Serving on the vestry is both an honor and a responsibility. Functioning as servant leaders, vestry members are entrusted as much with the spiritual life, ministry and mission of the church as the fiscal affairs of the parish. The rector and vestry are committed to the concept of a mutual ministry with common faith and purpose and together are responsible for all the duties

stated in the Canons of the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Michigan and the Bylaws of CCGP. If you or someone you know would be a good candidate for vestry membership, please contact Nominating Committee Chair Joe Maycock at 884.6239 or complete a Vestry Nominating Card found at the Communication Center or email your recommendation to Kay at kyntema@christ-churchgp.org.

Christian Formation

New Bible Study

The Rev. Dr. Lynne Kogel will lead a Bible study on the Gospel of Luke on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:45 am beginning October 7. In the first session, Rev. Lynne's topic will be "Locating Luke in History," addressing such question as what was history in the ancient world and why was Luke so interested in it? And, what difference does our notion of history make in the way we treat each other? In subsequent weeks, topics will include "Parables," "The Prodigal Son and Forgiveness," and "Locating Luke - Acts in Geography." All are welcome to join us as we read and reflect on God's word.

Tuesdays Together

Our mid-week program for the whole family, Tuesdays Together, continues weekly beginning at 4:30 pm with Children's Choir, followed by a fun, energizing children's program, Coffee with the Rector, Worship, and Youth and Adult Programming. Adult programming in October and November is as follows:

October 6, 13, 20, November 3:

Rev. Brad leads a series based on the popular book, *The Shack*, addressing the topics "Images of God," "The Randomness of Nature," and "Where God Fits In."

October 27:

Intergenerational Halloween Celebration — Worship at 5:45 pm; Dinner and Party at 6 pm. Costumes are encouraged.

November 10 and 17:

Discovering Celtic Spirituality

November 24:

Thanksgiving Service and Turkey Dinner

Sunday Mornings

Choose from these offerings on Sundays 10:10-11 am

Adult Forums — October 11, 18 and November 15: God & People Together; October 25: The Gift of Giving; November 8: Rector's Forum; November 22: Green Team on Michigan Interfaith Power and Light

Bible Study — The Gospel of John

Newcomers' Class — October 11, 18, 25

Life in the Episcopal Church — November 8, 15, 22 and December 6 and 13. Five-part class to prepare individuals for Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation in The Episcopal Church.

Children and Youth Program

Sundays

The new program year has gotten off to a great start with more than 90 children and youth participating in our Sunday School program. Classes are offered from 10:10 to 11 am. Young children (ages 3 to 5) are presented the "Godly Play" curriculum. Primary children in grades 1 through 3 and Intermediate children in grades 4 through 5) participate in the Episcopal Children's Curriculum. Middle School (grades 6-8) are engaged in Faith Conversations – a way to see the ordinary as holy, while the Senior High Class (grades 9-12) is a youth forum with Rev. Brad.

Please note: There will be no Sunday School classes on October 4 (St. Francis Celebration) and November 29 (Thanksgiving break.)

Nursery Care is also offered for children birth to three years while parents are on the church premises on Sundays between 8:45 am to 12:30 pm. Registration is required and then per-session sign-in. Light snacks are provided. Please note we maintain a peanut-free environment.



Registration is ongoing and materials are available in the church office or at our website under "Publications and Forms."

Mid Week

Tuesdays Together provides another opportunity for children in grades 1-5 to learn about their faith and have some fun in the process with the whole family. During October and November, we'll focus on Prayer.

Tuesday's Together Schedule

4:30–5:15 pm — Children's Choir
5:15–5:45 pm — Children's Programs
5:15–5:45 pm. — Coffee with the Rector
5:45–6 pm — Worship for All
6 pm — Dinner in the Undercroft
6:30–7:30 pm — Adult Programming
Nursery care is available from 5:45-7:30 pm for children up to age 3.

Memorials and Tributes

In memory of John T. Albrecht

Lisa. L. Gage
Sue and Mark Lorenger
Elizabeth and James Klein
Betsy and Gaylord Creedon
Peggy and Joe Maycock
Ankoor and Roopal Lalaji
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thomas
Elaine and John Irwin

In memory of Marijean Frickel

Betsy and Gaylord Creedon

In honor of the marriage of Meredith Jones and William Parry

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Nicholson III

In honor of Peggy Woodhouses's Birthday

Lynor and Bob White

Love Makes a Family

Christ Church will host the *Love Makes a Family* traveling photo exhibit during the month of October. The photo-text exhibit from the Family Diversity Project consists of framed photographs and text images of the myriad kinds of families thriving in our

culture today. The companion book, *Love Makes a Family* was named the Best Book about Gay and Lesbian Issues by the Association of Independent Publishers. Please stop by the lobby to see this important collection of art. For more information please contact Rev. David at ext. 105.

Christ Church receives Safe Harbor Award

Mariners Inn selected Christ Church Grosse Pointe as the recipient of their Safe Harbor Award for our commitment to their mission and service to the community. The award will be presented at Mariners' annual River Rhythm dinner at the Roostertail on Friday, November 6, 2009.

"With your leadership, the support received from Christ Church Grosse Pointe has made a difference at Mariners Inn and we are very grateful," said Doreen M. Webb, Special Events Coordinator, Mariners Inn. "Beyond Mariners Inn, the commitment of Christ Church Grosse Pointe to serving the community is commendable. We applaud you."

All are invited to attend this special event. Tickets are \$125 and available by calling 313.962.9446.

WHOLLY WEDNESDAYS

If you're over 55 and enjoy participating in social events that are lively, occasionally educational or spiritual, but always fun, you'll want to check out the Wholly Wednesday group. To learn about what this group's upcoming events, please contact Rev. David at ext. 105.

Transitions Ministry

An important part of the Pastoral Care Ministry of Christ Church is our Transitions Ministry. Under the direction of Rev. David, Transitions Ministry targets three areas of need: **Career Transitions**—Offers help with resume writing, job searches



Children in grades 1-5 are encouraged to join the Christ Church Children's Choir, a fun and energetic choir which will sing at the 9 am service from time to time. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:15 pm. To sign up, please contact Martha Lucander, at maddiluc@yahoo.com.

and networking. **Grief Support Group**—Addresses the needs of those dealing with the death of a loved one. Workshops and support groups are offered. **Divorce Support**—Groups offered as needed. For more information, contact Rev. David at ext. 105.

Music at Christ Church Grosse Pointe

Changing lives one note at a time

Chorister for a Day

Experience a day in the life of a chorister on Saturday, October 24, 9 am – 1 pm. This will be a memorable day of music and fun behind the scenes of CCGP's choral groups—at no cost! Children

in kindergarten through grade five will enjoy small group instruction, hands-on musical experiences, a group performance, T-shirts and other fun. For more information or to register, contact Scott Hanoian at shanoian@christ-churchgp.org or ext. 102.

The life and times of England's most illustrious 17th Century composer are revived in historical perspective through readings and song, featuring works of Samuel Pepys and other Purcell contemporaries. For tickets (\$15, \$5 students), call Maryann at ext. 100.

An Evening with Henry Purcell

Sunday, Oct. 25 at 4:30 pm
The dynamic ensemble, "Echoing Air," presents this concert in celebration of the 350th anniversary of Purcell's birth.

Evensong

Sunday, Oct. 18 at 4:30 pm
We look forward to seeing you at this service featuring our Choir of Men and Girls. No charge.

For more information about the music program, contact Scott Hanoian at shanoian@christ-churchgp.org or ext. 102.

Feast of All Saints

Remembering those who have gone before us

Solemn Requiem Mass

Sunday, November 1 at 4:30 pm

reception following

Please submit the names of those you want mentioned at the Requiem Mass to Kay by Tuesday, Oct. 27 at kyntema@christchurchgp.org or ext. 107.

Services

Tuesdays at 5:45 pm

Part of our Tuesdays Together program, this mid-week service offers a variety of worship styles. Open to all ages.

Wednesdays at Noon

Noonday prayer service

Saturdays at 5:30 pm

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

This Saturday evening celebration of the Holy Eucharist is a "come-as-you-are" service with no music.

Sundays at 8 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Traditional worship service with no music

Sundays at 9 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

This family-friendly service is accompanied by the Choir of Girls and Men and features a children's sermon.

Sundays at 11:15 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

A traditional service featuring a sung Eucharist accompanied by the Choir of Men and Boys

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Joseph Katulic

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Jeff vonSchwarz

Mark Your Calendar

gifts &
greens

December 4

Preview Party
and Live Auction

December 5-6

Gifts, Greens, Trees, Bake
Sale, Santa's Workshop
and Silent Auction

Donate items for the
Auction and bake sale by
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