

Crossings

Christ Church Grosse Pointe

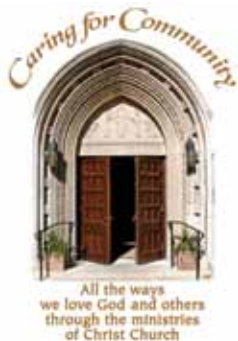
November/December 2011



Caring for Community Giving to God's work at Christ Church

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN WHEN THE TALK TURNS TO STEWARDSHIP AND EVERYONE GETS A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE AS WE THINK ABOUT HOW WE WILL RESPOND TO THE ANNUAL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN. FOR THE PAST SEVERAL

years, parishioners have been asked to give — or challenged to give a little more — to offset financial deficits. This year's Stewardship Campaign theme is "Caring for Community," and the focus is on all the ways we love God and others through the ministries of Christ Church.



"As we interact with one another through our corporate worship, developing our minds and spirits and in our service to others, we're building a community that goes beyond the walls of this church," said Betsy Creedon, Stewardship Committee Chair. "We're really building the community of humanity in the context of church."

The campaign theme reinforces the reality that everything we do is stewardship.

"When we are given by God the gift of life, the breath of the Spirit, we are responsible for how we manage our time, talents and financial resources on earth. And we all do that in different ways," said Betsy. "When the women of Stitch-in-Time get together every Tuesday, they not only make teddy bears and blankets to bring comfort to others, they care for one another as they spend that time together."

While it may be risky to broaden the scope of stewardship during a pledge campaign, Betsy said the Committee recognizes the importance of understanding stewardship as a way of life.

"It's all about our relationship with God and each other and our responsibilities that come out of that. When Jesus says "Go into all the world," he's saying, 'Live like me. Lead your life the way I lived mine,' which was to give himself freely and sacrificially to God's work — for His glory, not ours," Betsy said.

"So while we're asked to give a portion of our income to the church, it's not just money we're giving, we're supporting God's work in us and in our community. That's a totally different way of looking at stewardship."

Commitment Weekend
Nov. 19-20
Pledging in faith to care for God's work at Christ Church

Stewardship campaign strategy

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE KICKS OFF THE 2011-12 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN WITH

a mailing to parishioners to arrive in homes by Oct. 30. The mailing includes a brochure developed by the Committee to highlight the many ways Christ Church cares for her people, the community, and the world.



In addition to the mailing, the Committee will conduct a parish canvass between Nov. 12 and 20 to ensure that parishioners have the opportunity to engage in discussion about the many ways they contribute to Christ Church.

The campaign will culminate on the weekend of Nov. 19 and 20 with receipt of any pledge cards that haven't already been submitted.

2011-12 Stewardship Campaign Goals:

Increase overall pledges by \$50,000!

100 percent parishioner participation!

Vestry News

By Peggy Beadle, Senior Warden

THE VESTRY CONTINUES TO WORK WELL TOGETHER TO BALANCE THE BUDGET, AND WE ARE WORKING



Peggy Beadle

closely with Betsy Creedon and the Stewardship Committee to ensure a successful fall campaign beginning Oct. 30. I look with great hope for unparalleled participation in giving to the church.

The Vestry Nominating Committee had its first meeting on Oct. 13. Committee members include Libby Candler, Betsy Creedon, Mark Lorenger, Laura Heubner, Amy Van Osdel, Greg Wheeler and myself. We hope to announce candidates by Dec. 18. Vestry nomination cards with a complete job description are available in the Communications Center and on the website. If you or someone you know would make a good Vestry candidate, please complete a card or contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

By the time you read this, we will have held a special Parish Meeting to receive parishioners' approval of the proposed sale of the church-owned house at 89 Meadow Lane. Earlier this fall, a special committee looked at the maintenance needs, value, and location of all the church's properties and recommended that this was the best one to sell at this time. The Vestry accepted their recommendation and called for the parish's approval, as required by church canons.

On behalf of the Vestry, I'd like to thank all of you for being faithful to the mission of Christ Church, for continuing to offer your support in both word and deed. Your confidence in our work fuels our passion to see God's will done in God's church.



Mark Your Calendar

March 16-18, 2012 at Christ Church

The Sweeny Lectures presents

Marcus Borg

• Author of 19 books • Canon Theologian at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Oregon • Internationally known in both academic and church circles as a biblical scholar and "a leading figure in his generation of Jesus scholars"

• Former Hundere Chair of Religion and Culture in the Philosophy Department at Oregon State University

A Word from the Interim Rector Reaching Gen-Yers for Christ

By The Rev. Dr. Andrew MacBeth

WE AT CHRIST CHURCH WANT TO BE MORE WELCOMING TO YOUNG PEOPLE. BUT HOW DO WE DO IT? AS PROMISED IN AUGUST, I WANT TO SHARE WHAT I'VE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT GENERATION-Y YOUNG people, those born between 1980 and 2000, more or less, and particularly about their relationship to organized religion.

As a whole, this group of young people have been slow to complete their education and slow to marry. Many feel they have not yet "hit their stride" in terms of work. They have grown up in a post 9/11 world, but few of them have served in the military. Around 66% of those who were old enough to vote voted for Barack Obama in the latest presidential election. They are tech-savvy and have learned since childhood to ignore the ads that surround them on TV, on their computer screens, and elsewhere.

In a recent *Christian Century* article, Pastor Bradley Hill describes Gen-Yers as a group that "does not even notice the church's programs, flyers, and radio spots." So the whole idea of "how do we attract them?" is irrelevant. You can't.

They ARE, on the other hand, intensely relational! If they come to church, it is not likely to be because the music is contemporary – or traditional – but because some trusted friends are there already. They love small groups, not institutions with big buildings. They will not listen to our pitch, but they like being listened to: "What nourishes your spirit? Where, if at all, do you see God at work? What gifts have you got that you want to share with the community you live in? How's that going?"

One young woman blogged these thoughts:

"Thinking about the early Christian church, as found in the book of Acts, it wasn't this massive building with a program. It was a group of believers who met together daily to encourage and help each other. The poor and rich pooled their resources together and gave to everyone as they had need. They prayed for each other and worshipped God together. It was a pretty grass roots, organic and holistic movement."

Connecting with Gen-Y probably won't happen at church. We have to look around and see them where they are. Listen to the young person who pours your coffee at Bigby or to the lifeguards at the pool. Really listen to them. They will appreciate it. If you ask, they may even discuss their notions of God with you!

Listening to Gen-Yers is one of the most interesting things I do.

Sound like the first century? You bet! Feel poorly qualified? I understand. What can we do about it? Pay attention to our own spiritual growth. Read some C. S. Lewis. Listen to Krista Tippett's "On Being" on NPR. Download a Bible app for your I-phone. And share both your questions and your answers with someone under 30. This is exactly what they're after.



Andy MacBeth

See page 10
for an update
on the
Rector Search!

Snapshots

Parishioners, guests and their beloved pets filled the parking lot on Sunday, Oct. 2, for the annual St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals. It was a joy-filled time of worship and prayer for everyone.

Our thanks to Brendan Ross, Robin Maghielse who captured many special moments that day.



New Vestments for David

A Labor of Love

FR. DAVID DIETER DONNED A NEW FASHIONABLE AND STOLE FOR THIS YEAR'S ST. FRANCIS DAY SERVICE and Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 2. Handmade by parishioner Ginger Keena Hupp, the vestments were specifically created for use at the annual service.

"Ginger approached me over a year ago with the idea of designing the vestments in celebration of God's creatures. We decided that we would feature animals that fly and swim," said David.

Made from hand-dyed, batik fabrics, each design is highly detailed — the hummingbird's wings were crafted from about 15 individual pieces. Some of the creatures on the chasuble include a pair of love birds, a toucan, quetzal, dragonfly, trout, blue bird, a robin and three baby birds, male cardinal, snowy egret, red wing blackbird, orchid with blue morpho butterfly, and a pair of loons "because they are known to mate for life," said Ginger.

On the stole is a female cardinal, poison dart frog, fox pup, wood duck, schnauzer (like David and Richard's dog, Sophie), and a monarch butterfly perched on a purple cone flower — Ginger's signature flower.

Ginger, who is a psychologist in private practice, working with adolescents and adults primarily with eating disorders and trauma, has been designing costumes for years for Grosse Pointe Theater and Grosse Pointe South High School. She began the vestments in February while creating costumes for *The Scarlet Pimpernel*.

"Quilting helps center me, lowers my blood pressure, de-stresses me; so whenever I was stressed, I would work on



Ginger Keena Hupp displays the stole she made for Fr. David.

a quilt block. Since I had to have it done for quilting by August 1, during the summer, I was working on it about 20 hours a week," said Ginger.

The quilting was done by Susan Boxell in Southfield, using many different stitching patterns to add texture, flow and interest to the overall design.

Ginger said she is very satisfied with the finished vestments.

"David seemed thrilled so that made me very happy. He's become very important to me," she said. "He helped me get something back that I'd lost track of [church], a place where I feel like I belong. The vestments were a giving back to him what he had given me."

David said he is deeply honored and touched by the exquisite gift.

"It is a usable keepsake forever," he said.

the CLOISTER BOOKSHOP

IT'S TIME TO VISIT THE NEWLY STOCKED AND REORGANIZED CLOISTER BOOKSHOP WHERE MANY of the titles are \$5 or less.

Having recently acquired some new inventory, the store boasts a good selection of new inspirational and devotional resources, including books by Henri Nouwen, Joan Chittister, Phyllis Tickle and the very newest book by Andrew MacBeth and Sybil MacBeth, *Prayer in Black and White*.

In addition there are new books for children and young adult readers.

Episcopal Prayer Beads with an accompanying booklet to explain the history and use of the beads are available in prices ranging from \$5 to \$25.

A copy of the new *Episcopal Booksellers Catalog* is available in the Bookshop and in the Communications Center. The catalog features new books and resources that are available through the Cloister Bookshop. Mention the catalog when you shop, and you will receive a 20% discount on the items in the catalog.

The Cloister Bookshop anticipates the Sweeny Lecture guest, Marcus Borg, by offering a collection of his works, including his most recent work of fiction, *Putting Away Childish Things*.

Episcopal tee-shirts, sweatshirts, key fobs, dog leashes, dog collars, St. Francis medals and more are available all year.

Sign into the Christ Church web site and select The Cloister Bookshop to order from the Virtual Bookshop. The Cloister Bookshop receives a commission from every order placed through the site. While you're there, sign up for the Bookshop's monthly e-newsletter *Book Notes* to learn about special offers.

For more information, email bookshop@christchurchgp.org for more information.

Adult Forums

Adult Forums meet on Sundays, 10:10-11 am in the Undercroft. These informal gatherings are designed to help us grow in our faith in God through Christ, to deepen our understanding of the Scriptures, and to empower us to live out our faith in the power of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



·Christian Formation·

Anglicans and the Communion of Saints

Nov. 6

At the time of the Reformation, Anglicans removed all saints, except the biblical ones, from our calendar, and we've been adding them back ever since. What do we believe about saints anyhow, and why do they matter to us?

Sharing the Bible with Children

Nov. 13

Sarah Wheeler leads us in a first-hand experience of learning the Bible the way our children do through the amazing *Godly Play* method. You'll wish you were a child again!



Hasan Newash

Palestinians in Detroit

Nov. 20

Learn what it's like being a Palestinian-American living in Detroit today. What are the gifts, concerns, and challenges Palestinian-Americans — both Christian and Moslem — bring to the life of our city? Hasan Newash, Director, Palestinian Cultural Office, gives us his perspective on life in the United States.

Hasan Newash was born in Ein Karem, near Jerusalem, and is a longtime Detroit area peace-with-justice activist, an Anthropology Ph.D. candidate, and a published poet. He is the cofounder/initiator of numerous Arab American/Palestinian organizations, including ACCESS, ADC, Association of Arab American University Graduates, Al-Awda, the U. S. Palestine Community Network and other initiatives. Hasan currently serves on the Coordinating Committee of the Detroit Area Peace with Justice Network and on the Board of Michigan Coalition of Human Rights.

Thanksgiving Social & Advent Wreath Making

Nov. 27

Due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday, services on Sunday, Nov. 27 are at 8 and 10 am only. After the 10 am service, we gather together in a spirit of thanksgiving and make an Advent wreath for your family's use as we wait for our Savior's birth.

No Forum on Dec. 4 in support of Gifts & Greens

Why We Do What We Do

Dec. 11 and 18

Many of our worship customs have a clear meaning; others have multiple interpretations. Come learn why we do what we do in worship — and have a chance to get your own questions answered. Led by the Christ Church clergy.



Baptism

Nov. 5 and 6, 2011 and January 7 and 8, 2012

Speak to one of the clergy if you're interested.

Tuesdays Together

Our mid-week Christian Formation offering, Tuesdays Together, brings together individuals and families of all ages to enjoy a wholesome meal and gain insight on a variety of topics related to our faith journey.

In addition to programming for adults, Faithweavers is offered for children preschool through 5th grade and nursery care is available.

Getting Acquainted John — Nov. 1, 8, 15 and 29

Janis Fletcher continues her series on the Gospel of John, offering her insights into this unique gospel which has consoled, intrigued and challenged untold numbers of Christians throughout the ages. What makes John's Gospel so different? What does he teach us about Jesus, faith and discipleship? Janis helps us discover some of the answers to these questions and more.



Janis Fletcher

Janis Fletcher has taught New Testament at Whitaker Institute for more than 20 years and has given many talks and days of reflection on biblical themes. She has an M.A. in Religion and a Ph.D. in German literature.

Handel's Journey to Messiah — Dec. 6

It took Handel only 21 days to write his beloved oratorio, *Messiah*. Come and see if Scott Hanoian can unpack it all in one session as he enlightens us on the history and music of *Messiah*.

'Tis the Season to be Stressed Out: *Beating the Holiday Blues* — Dec. 13

Dealing with the stress that affects us as we prepare for the Christmas season can be daunting for many of us. In this program led by Bill Matthews, we learn how to care for our physical, mental and emotional health through simple and effective practices.

In addition to his clinical work as a therapist, Bill Matthews spent 15 years as an organizational development specialist working with clients in automotive, banking, health care and telecommunications, which has given him a keen appreciation for the stresses brought about by today's workplace. A graduate of Notre Dame, Bill currently serves as the local coordinator/trainer for "Parent Like A Champion Today™," part of the "Play Like a Champion Today™" series developed by The University of Notre Dame's Institute for Educational Initiatives/Alliance for Catholic Education.



Bill Matthews

The Infancy Narratives According to the Gospel Writers — Dec. 20

What is the significance of the birth of Jesus as recorded in the gospels, and how is this story relevant to us today? What is meant by Incarnation? Mark F. Whitters leads an exploration through the Gospels to discover the answers to these and other questions. We will discuss the differences in these stories and reveal why they were included in some of the gospels and not in others.



Mark Whitters

Mark Whitters is a 25-year member of the Servants of the Word, an ecumenical brotherhood of Christian men that works among the youth of urban Detroit. He taught a series of Adult Forums at Christ Church earlier this year.

Stewardship is a matter of *faithful living*, of recognizing that all we are and all we have belongs to God and is to be given to God as an **act of worship**, as an **expression of faith**, and as a spiritual discipline through which we commit our hearts in love and praise. Such faithful living is *a response* to the gospel, a **recognition of the good news** that the rule of God has come near, that Jesus Christ is our Lord, and that the Holy Spirit will direct and guide us to be the people God wants us to be and to have the **abundant, joyful lives** that God wants us to have.

Mark Allan Powell, *Giving to God*

Tuesday Evenings

6 pm – Dinner

(\$5/adult, \$15 family)

6:30 – 7:30 pm — Programming

FaithWeavers for Pre-K through

5th grade. Nursery Care offered

5:45-7:45 pm.

The Spirituality Center
of Christ Church presents



CHRIST CHURCH SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Getting Winds and Waves to Obey You: Jesus, Men & Spirituality

A Retreat for Men

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011

9:30 am - 3 pm

Lower Level Education Wing

BRING A BIBLE AND A JOURNAL
FOR A DAY OF REFLECTING
ON OUR FAITH AND THE STORMS



Dr. Eugene Blair

THAT rage in men's lives. Men's work life, relationships, commitments, discipline and integrity are themes running through the retreat. Dr. Eugene Blair leads us in times of

prayer, silence, journaling, and sharing with others about our journey to deepen our relationship with God and those we love.

Eugene Blair is District Superintendent of the Crossroads District (Flint area) of the Detroit Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is a member of the Academy of Spiritual Formation, and past member of its leadership team. He is author of "What Kind of Man is Joseph, and "What Kind of Man Are You: A Bible Study for Men on Matthew 1 and 2" (2009), and contributing author to "Growing the African American Church," and "The Upper Room Spiritual Formation Bible."

\$45 with lunch / \$40 without lunch)

Register online
christchurchgp.org/spirituality.html

The Spirituality Center is an outreach of Christ Church Grosse Pointe that aims to foster the growth of persons in life-giving and healthy communities. We believe that this is God's hope for the human family, a hope demonstrated by the mystery of Christ's life among us. For more information, contact The Rev. Canon Ronald Spann, Director, 313.885.4841 ext. 113 or rspann@christchurchgp.org.

Novice Program

The Chorister for a Day program was postponed until March 2012. However, we held auditions for our Novice Program which was to begin at the end of October.

Novices are typically boys in grades 3-5 or girls in grades 5-6 and train throughout the year for entrance into the choir at the end of this season.

For more information, contact Scott Hanoian at shanoian@christchurchgp.org or 313.885.4841, ext. 102.



Bill Matthews © 2011

Thanksgiving Celebration

Tuesday, Nov. 22

Worship at 6 pm

Dinner following at 6:30 pm

Join us as we give thanks for our church family and all the many blessings God has bestowed on us.

\$5 individual/\$20 family
Reservations by Sunday, Nov. 20. Call the church office at 313.885.4841.

Thanksgiving Weekend Service Times

Saturday, Nov. 26 at 5:30 pm

Sunday, Nov. 27 at 8 and 10 am

(Advent Wreath Making following the 10 am service.)

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INEXPRESSIBLE
IS MUSIC.

Aldous Huxley

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Soaring Sounds in a Sacred Space

Music at Christ Church Grosse Pointe

Special Services



All Saints' Day

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 7 pm
Choir of Men and Boys

Solemn Holy Eucharist offered to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for all the saints.

Requiem Mass

Sunday, Nov. 6, 4:30 pm
Choir of Men and Girls

A service in remembrance of the faithful departed, featuring Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem*.

Advent Procession

Sunday, Dec. 4, 4:30 pm
Choir of Men and Boys

A service of readings and music celebrating the Advent of our Lord.

Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 18, 4:30 pm
Combined Choirs

A service of readings and music celebrating the Nativity of our Lord. Doors open at 4 pm.



Concert Series

Haydn & Poulenc
Sunday Nov. 20, 4:30 pm

Christ Church Chorale, Soloists and Orchestra, with Dexter Kennedy, Organist.
Haydn *Paukenmesse* and *Salve Regina*, Poulenc *Organ Concerto*.
Tickets: \$20



Messiah

Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4:30 pm



Christ Church Chorale, Soloists and Orchestra perform *Messiah* by George Frideric Handel.
Tickets: \$25

Evensong

Sunday, Nov. 13 at 4:30 pm

Schola sings



New Foyer Groups Forming Plug into fellowship at Christ Church

NEW FOYER GROUPS ARE FORMING AT CHRIST CHURCH TO begin meeting from November to the end of February 2012.

Each Foyer Group is made up of about eight parishioners who usually meet once a month to share a meal and relaxed conversation in each others' homes.

Some groups have met after Sunday services for brunch, while some groups meet after Evensong. Food offerings have ranged from a multi-course dinner to simply drinks and appetizers. Each group is lead by a captain(s) who helps organize the group's dinners. If you cannot host a dinner, that is okay.

"The individual groups determine their own dinner plans such as brunches, appetizers and drinks, potluck or the rotating host provides the entire

meal. It's really anything the Foyer Group decides," said Sue Lorenger, co-coordinator of the groups.

The Foyer Group session just ending had 96 parishioners participating.

"That is the highest number of parishioners participating during the summer session since Foyer Groups began at Christ Church," said Sue, who works with her husband, Mark Lorenger, to organize and stay in touch with the group captains.

"Our Foyer Group has been a blast," said Sheila Minetola. "It's been a simple, yet effective, way to meet new friends or get to know others in a fun and relaxed setting."

Registration for the fall/winter groups has begun, and it's not too late to join a group. Sign-up sheets are available in the church lobby and in the Undercroft during the Adult

Forum hour. Or simply call Mark and Sue Lorenger at 313.882.9726.

Foyer Group

Cheese & Wine Tasting Event

**Wednesday, Nov. 30
6-7:30 pm • Undercroft**



To kick off the new group, a Cheese and Wine Tasting event is planned for Wednesday, Nov. 30, 6-7:30 pm in the Undercroft for all those who have signed up.

"This event kicks off the new groups and allows group members to meet one another," said Mark Lorenger. "I hope more parishioners will take advantage of this fun and relaxed opportunity to meet new people."

FALL BACK

Daylight Saving Time ends **November 6**. Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour.

Gifts & Greens 2011

Friday, Dec. 2 • 7-10 pm
Preview Party with Live Auction

Tickets: \$35 per person

Tickets may be purchased in the church office or online at christchurchgp.org/giftsandgreens.

Saturday, Dec. 3 • 9 am - 4:30 pm

Unique Gifts and Tree Sales
Silent Auction

Sunday, Dec. 4 • 10 am - 1 pm

Unique Gifts and Tree Sales
(Silent Auction closes at 1 pm)

Shopping you can feel good about!

ON DEC. 2-4, CHRIST CHURCH HOSTS THE ANNUAL GIFTS & GREENS SALE, WHERE holiday shoppers can find unusual, unique and delightful handmade items and Michigan-grown greens and Christmas trees.

A welcome alternative to malls and big box stores, the sale features a live auction at the Preview Party on Friday night, a silent auction, Santa's Workshop for our youth and delicious home-baked goods. Even better, Gifts & Greens shoppers can use their purchasing power to help others, because 100% of the proceeds will be used to benefit two local non profit groups – Habitat for Humanity Grosse Pointe Partners and Simon House.

In addition, many sale items come from local artisans or fair trade organizations, allowing your purchasing dollars to flow directly to small producers for sustainable livelihoods.

Auction Donations & Volunteers Needed

All contributions of time, talent and/or treasure are welcomed! Contact Mil or Matt Hurley at 313.881.2223 for more information.



Christmas Gift-Giving Project

Blessing people in need

THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS GIFT PROJECT REACHES A WHOLE NEW GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO WILL,



no doubt, be grateful for the generosity of Christ Church.

This year's recipients are the young women and children at Alternatives for Girls and Ruth Ellis Center.

Alternatives for Girls (alternativesforgirls.org) is a multi-service agency in Detroit that offers programming designed to address both the immediate and long-term needs of the young women they serve, to empower them to seek and make positive choices, and to affect lasting and meaningful change in their lives.

Ruth Ellis Center (ruthelliscenter.org) provides residential and drop-in programs for Lesbian, Gay, Bi-attractional, Transgender and Questioning youth.

Church of the Messiah has been the recipient of our gifts in the past, but have chosen to decline this year.

"With all the work Church of the Messiah is doing to plan for their 110th anniversary celebration on Nov. 5, they decided that to try to pick a target group in their area for the Christmas Gift Project was just too much," said Helen Santiz.

The program begins on Nov. 19, with the posting of recipient name tags with gender, sizes and suggested items in the Undercroft.

"We ask that you do NOT buy everything on the list" said Helen. "We recommend keeping the cost to about \$30 per person."

Gifts can be brought in any time, but the absolute deadline is Sunday, Dec. 11 at noon.

Gratitude can be more than a mood — it can be a philosophy and a lifestyle.

Advent & Christmas at Christ Church

Worship Services

Weekends in Advent

First Sunday in Advent, Nov. 26-27

Holy Eucharist – Saturday at 5:30 pm;
Sunday at 8 and 10 am

Second (Dec. 3-4), Third (Dec. 10-11) and Fourth (Dec. 17-18) Sundays in Advent

Holy Eucharist – Saturday at 5:30 pm;
Sunday at 8, 9 and 11:15 am

Christmas Eve Saturday, Dec. 24

4 pm – Holy Eucharist with Crèche Procession and Choir*

8 pm – Holy Eucharist with Choir

10:30 pm – Choral Prelude with Carols

11 pm – Holy Eucharist with Choir (with irritation-free incense)

Christmas Day Sunday, Dec. 25

10 am – Holy Eucharist with soloist

* Nursery care is available for children up to 3 years of age.

Parish Christmas Cocktail Party



Friday, Dec. 9 • 6-8 pm Undercroft

The Parish Gatherings Committee hosts a Parish Christmas Cocktail Party to celebrate the holidays with fellow parishioners. Refreshments include drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Please RSVP by Monday, Dec. 5 by calling the church office. Any questions related to this event may be directed to Karyn Weir, Chair, Parish Gatherings Committee, at weirhere59@aol.com.

Special holiday moments for children

Advent Pageant

Sunday, Dec. 18 • 9 am

CHILDREN IN THE FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS WILL BRING TO

life the story of Mary and Joseph as they make

their way to Jerusalem in the Advent Pageant on

Sunday, Dec. 18, during the 9 am service.

Children, preschool age to fifth grade, who do not have speaking parts are encouraged to



dress as angels, shepherds or sheep. Some costumes are available at the church to borrow. A dress rehearsal for those with speaking parts will take place on Saturday, Dec. 17, at noon. Pizza will be provided.

Crèche Procession

Saturday, Dec. 24 • 4 pm

ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN

bringing up different pieces of the crèche when the story is told and will set the stage for Christmas Eve. The procession will take place at the 4 pm service on Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24, and children should arrive in the Undercroft no later than 3:30 pm.



Youth at Christ Church

Christian Fellowship and Formation to grow on

EYC

THE EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY (EYC) IS DESIGNED FOR YOUTH IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL.

The group generally meets monthly on weekends for fun and light Christian enrichment.

EYC is directed by a Youth Leadership Team which includes Dave and Jean Redfield, Mijail and Jamie Jimenez, and Andy MacBeth. Parents of the teens help out by volunteering to host an event, serve as a driver or provide food for an event. Check out these upcoming events:

Lock-in at Christ Church

Saturday, 6 pm through Sunday, 9 am service, Nov. 5-6

Volunteering at Gifts and Greens

(Tree lot, bake sale and Santa's Workshop)

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3-4

Caroling or Ice Skating

Saturday, Dec. 10, 4-7 pm



Youth Sunday School

ON SUNDAY MORNINGS, YOUTH ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES offered for middle and high-schoolers from 10:10 to 11 am.

Middle School youth in grades 6-8 learn from a video-based curriculum called *re:form* which is both fun and meaningful. Class materials are designed to help students understand and live out their faith.

The group meets in the Lower Level in Room B-021. High School students in grades 9-12 meet in Room B-023 to discuss a variety of topics relevant to their lives in the light of a Christian world view.

Crossroads in 2012: Jan. 8, June 24 and Dec. 9

Christ Church is serving meals in 2012 to the more than 800 people who depend on Crossroads Soup Kitchen on any given day for a healthy, hearty meal. We are responsible for purchasing and preparing the food, serving the clients and then cleaning up. Plan now to be a part of the team of parishioners who serves from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm on Sunday, Jan. 8, Sunday, June 24 and Sunday, Dec. 9. For more information, contact Ted Hagan at hth3rd@sbcglobal.net.



Christ Church on tour of historic churches

SINCE 1972, THE HISTORIC HOUSES OF WORSHIP TOURS HAVE ACQUAINTED metro Detroiters with the contributions that religious institutions have made in the development of our community.

The tours are co-sponsored by the Detroit Historical Society and the national Society of Colonial Dames of America in the State of Michigan. The tours include a docent commentary and historical presentations at each tour stop.

A group will visit Christ Church Grosse Pointe for 45 minutes on Monday, Nov. 7.

Serving as docents will be Sharon Snyder, Elaine Yates and Peggy Woodhouse. Together they will outline the mission, history and architecture of Christ Church.

Christ Church feeds the homeless

CHURCH PARISHIONERS PREPARED AND SERVED DINNER ON OCT. 6 FOR CLIENTS FROM

Cass Community Social Services (CCSS) who were housed at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church the first week in October. More than a dozen parishioners volunteered to cook and/or serve food, help with clean-up, and to interact with shelter clients.

"We had a great time working together to prepare the food and it was a privilege to interact with the clients. They were so appreciative," said George Sutton.

Kudos to Matt & Mil Hurley, Karen Davenport, David Dieter, Mike Fournier, Tamika Hamilton (Church of Messiah), Doreen Kohr, Allen Ledyard, Margaret Loomis, Sally Mackintosh, Pat O'Brien, Lorraine Phelan, Jim Quinlan, Helen Santiz and George & Julie Sutton for giving yourselves in service to God and others. Special thanks to Matt Hurley for taking the lead on the food purchase and preparation.

A note from the Interview Committee

By *Ted Hagan, Chair*

BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, THE PROFILE COMMITTEE WILL BE NO MORE.

That committee has completed its five months of work culminating in the publishing of the Parish Profile which is available through the church website or

in the church office. Many thanks to Emily Tennyson, Kathie Anslow and Dan Hughes for their help in creating and finalizing the profile. A tremendous amount of hours went into making it the wonderful publication it is.

Per the Diocesan-directed process, what was the Profile Committee will become the Interview Committee as we transition into the true "search" phase. It is the responsibility of this committee to perform all the activities that will result in the recommendation to the Vestry for the hiring of our new rector.

Information about our opening for a rector will be published in a number of places, including the database of the Episcopal Church USA's Office of Transition Ministries. In addition we are using a number of alternative sources, including the Consortium of Episcopal Endowed Parishes. We may also receive names from parishioners, friends, etc. Send this information to rectorsearch@christchurchgp.org.

While we work through the interview process we will not be able to provide as much information about our activities and progress as we have in the past. Our intention is to share as much as we can. Understand that the reduced frequency of communications is reflective of the nature of the work we will be doing and not our unwillingness to share.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the Interview Committee as we move forward in our work.



Children and Families

Children are natural givers

By *Sarah Wheeler, Director of Child and Family Ministries*

FOR EIGHT YEARS NOW, CHILDREN AT CHRIST CHURCH HAVE PARTICIPATED IN A THREE-WEEK SERIES ON STEWARDSHIP. EACH WEEK HAS A UNIQUE FOCUS: WHY WE GIVE, HOW WE GIVE AND WHAT WE GIVE. THE SERIES includes relevant scripture readings, activities, family discussion and prayers.

Some believe that children are primarily self-centered, concerned mostly for their own personal welfare. In reality, I have found the opposite to be true. Children are naturals when it comes to giving thanks and thinking of others. Research shows that children nearly always pray for the needs of others and give thanks for their blessings, before they ask God for their own petitions.

The same is true when it comes to giving back in thanks. Each Sunday, children beg to be involved in the opportunities for service here at Christ Church. I have never had a child or teen tell me "No," when asked to help during Sunday School or at Tuesdays Together, Stations of the Cross, a Christmas Pageant, or during a service. Essentially any and every time, children are eager and, in fact, honored to be part of the service of their parish family. With caring discussion and guidance from family, they pledge and give faithfully each week. There are at least a dozen children — many of them now in their early teens — who have been making an envelope offering nearly every Sunday for the past eight years.

As I know I've mentioned before, I am blessed to be in a position where I get to learn from children — their honest faith, their free relationship with God, and not the least, their selfless commitment to giving of their time, talent and treasure.

May God continue to bless us with faithful children. Amen.



Sarah Wheeler

Briefly

Eucharistic Minister Licensing and Re-licensing

Diocesan Eucharistic Ministers will have their license expire this year on Nov. 30. A workshop and refresher is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 to 10:30 am at Christ Church. This is required attendance for obvious reasons. If you attended the training back in the summer, then you have been renewed and will not need to attend. This is also opportunity for those who would like to become Eucharistic Ministers to be licensed. Please confirm your attendance by sending an email to David Dieter at ddieter@christchurchgp.org. Thank you for your critical service to God and Christ Church!

Temperature on hold

In an effort to be good stewards of our resources and budgeted line items for electrical and natural gas usage, building temperatures will be maintained at 66 degrees in winter. Mike Fournier, Director of Facilities, will strive to maintain these set temperatures, keeping exceptions to a minimum.



Messiah Partnership purchases church sign

During services at Christ Church and Church of the Messiah on Aug. 7, the Christ Church/Church of the Messiah Partnership presented Church of the Messiah with a new Episcopal Church welcome sign. The partnership worked together to purchase the sign for the church.

Give generously to God and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. Deuteronomy 15:10

Memorials & Gifts

As of September 30, 2011

All Saints' Fund

In Memory of Constance Q. Higbie

Mr. & Mrs. Peter C. Higbie
Mr. Jeffrey J. King
Mrs. Ayers Morison
Mr. & Mrs. John Park, Jr.

In Memory of Robert Whitaker

Mr. & Mrs. Gaylord Creedon

In Memory of John Upshur

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In Memory of Margaret Goodenough VanDusen

Mrs. Ayers Morison

In Memory of Patricia Hudson

Sheila Schebil

DeHaven Fund

In Memory of Florence Hinks Adams

Mr. & Mrs. George Zinn, Jr.

In Memory of Jacqueline B. Caskey

Mr. & Mrs. George Zinn, Jr.

In Memory of James Eathorne, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. George Zinn, Jr.

In Memory of Constance Q. Higbie

Mr. & Mrs. George Zinn, Jr.

In Memory of Patricia Hudson

Mr. & Mrs. George Zinn, Jr.

In Memory of Doreen Taylor

Mary Abeles
Mrs. Wyman D. Barrett
Mrs. John L. Booth
Mrs. Dorothea Flom
Mrs. Hadley French
Michael Gutierrez
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Mackey, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Maycock, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. George Nicholson, III
Lennon, Miller, O'Connor, Bartosiewicz,
P.L.C.

Dr. & Mrs. John Lesesne
Lorraine Primeau
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Renaud
Mr. & Mrs. Peter P. Thurber
Tuesday Morning Musicales/ Detroit
Ann K. Warren
Wednesday Morning Music Club
F. David Wessel
Mr. & Mrs. George Zinn, Jr.

Endowment Fund

In Memory of Jacqueline B. Caskey

Mrs. Ralph Cooper
Margaret Cremers
Mrs. Hadley French
Celeste Whyte

Flower Education Fund

In Memory of Constance Q. Higbie

Mrs. John L. Booth

Welcome New Members

Jodi Burton Thompson & Keith Thompson
and children Jack and Adam

Melissa & Jay Fradenburg
and children Jacqueline and Jayson

Jaclyn & Greg Grosfield

Liz & Karl Koto and daughter Valerie

Jan & Conrad Squitieri

Lorna & Jud Utley

Walter White

Christ Church in pencil on paper

NEW PARISHIONERS JAY AND MELISSA FRADENBURG HAVE GIVEN THE PARISH A LARGE, amazingly detailed drawing of the church. The Fradenburgs commissioned the work to be done by Jay's father, Paul Fradenburg. The drawing will be displayed in the Cloister for a few weeks.

Paul Fradenburg is a professional artist who lives and works out of his home in Cazenovia, New York. His work is done almost exclusively with pencil on paper.

Almost all of his clients are private individuals who enjoy his work in their homes, but some of his art work can be seen in businesses, schools and churches throughout the country.

A few of his accomplishments include being a finalist to create President Reagan's Christmas card, recognition for his entries into the National Wild Life Association-Duck Stamp competition, an appearance on the Today Show, and multiple appearances on local (Upstate New York) news programs.

We are grateful to the Fradenburgs for this precious gift.

Lots of dough for food bank!



1,500

That's the number of people we fed through our annual Bread Sale in October to benefit those in need in the metro-Detroit through Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan. On behalf of those who will be benefit from the sale, thank you for your generosity!

The Earth is the
LORD'S and **all** that
is in it; the World,
and those who
live in it. Ps 24:1

Spread some Christmas cheer

Be a blessing to someone during the holiday season by delivering poinsettias to those in need of comfort and encouragement during the holidays.

Poinsettia plants will be available in the church lobby on Sunday, Dec. 11 for delivery to recipients. All you need to do is sign out the plant (so we know it has been delivered the plant) and then follow the available instructions as you make your delivery. If you have any questions, contact Candy Sweeny at candyclees@aol.com or 313.881.0831.



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Services

Saturdays at 5:30 pm

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

Sundays at 8 am

A traditional worship service with no music.

Sundays at 9 am

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

Sundays at 11:15 am

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

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