

Celebrate Earth Day

Edited from www.earthday.net

EARTH Day marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement on April 22, 1970. Gaylord Nelson, then a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, proposed the first nationwide environmental protest “to shake up the political establishment and force this issue onto the national agenda.”

Tuesday
APRIL 22

Twenty million Americans took to the streets, parks, and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment. Earth Day 1970 achieved a rare political alignment, enlisting support from Republicans and Democrats, rich and poor, city slickers and farmers, tycoons and labor leaders. It led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species acts. Sen. Nelson was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom — the highest honor given to civilians in the United States — for his role as Earth Day founder.

Earth Day went global in 1990, mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries and lifting the status of environmental issues on to the world stage. It gave a huge boost to recycling efforts worldwide and helped pave the way for the 1992 United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

As the millennium approached, Earth Day events focused on global warming and a push for clean energy. Five thousand environmental groups around the world participated in Earth Day 2000 and reached out to hundreds of millions of people in a record 184 countries, sending a clear message that citizens around the world wanted quick and decisive action on clean energy.

The theme for Earth Day 2008 is “A Call for Climate” and organizers at Earthday Network are expecting it to be the biggest yet. “From Tokyo to Togo, to the National Mall in Washington, DC and seven other U.S. cities, millions of people around the world will embrace a Call for Climate ... Hundreds of events are popping up all over the globe,” said Earthday Network organizers.

Join the Episcopal Public Policy Network

EPPN is a nationwide grassroots network of Episcopalians who call and write their members of Congress and the Administration to advocate positions of the Church. Members receive Washington policy alerts, the Church’s position on public policies, as well as information on contacting government leaders, a congressional directory and action guide. Sign up at www.episcopalchurch.org.



EARTH DAY IDEAS

as posted on www.worldwildlife.org/earth-day2008/index.cfm
(Ideas for Change)

My commitment for Earth Day is to recycle everything possible, plant some trees and try to use reuseable tote bags at the grocery store.

We are having a lights off party on the 29th of March and hope to have four other families here to help to remind them not to use any lights for an hour. We may make it a monthly event — a nice excuse for a neighborly get-together.

I will ride my bike more, turn off the lights, stop eating meat (didn't know this made such a HUGE impact), encourage those around me to make small changes that make a big difference.

I decided I am going to cut back on the paper I use in school by not doing my homework!!

For Earth Day this year, we will be planting trees, handing out recycled flyers on the importance of the Earth and what we can do to save it, and also having a mile walk for the Earth!

EARTH DAY WEBSITES

www.earthday.net — Coordinates worldwide events for Earth Day
www.epa.gov/earthday — Where to get the Earth Day Home Kit
www.kaboose.com — Kid-friendly Earth Day recipes, crafts, activities
www.nature.org/earthday — Volunteer for Earth Day in Michigan, send Earth Day e-cards and find helpful hints

From the Rector

The Rev. Daniel Appleyard

Dear Friends,

I remember the first time I went to a church conference in the mid-eighties that focused on ecology. When I mentioned it to a parishioner at the time, he said the Church had no business getting into ecology. Instead, he thought that there was more than enough for the Church to do if it just stuck to “saving souls.”

I was reminded of this during the Easter Vigil on March 22. As we were setting the table for the first Eucharist of Easter, we sang Hymn 739 from “Wonder, Love and Praise,” with the following words:

Walk on, O people of God;
Walk on, O people of God!
A new law; God's new alliance,
All creation is reborn.
Christ takes into his body all our sin,
enslavement and pain;
As he destroys them, he brings us
life's abundance, life's new joy.
Christ brings reconciliation to all
things and people with God.
Nature bursts into new flowering;
all creation is reborn.
Walk on, O people of God;
Walk on, O people of God!

As I write this here at Christ Church, the smell of Easter morning's flowers are still in the air. Earth Day is just a few weeks away on Tuesday, April 22. Through the lens of the resurrection, ecology and our stewardship of the environment takes on additional meaning for me.

In earliest Christian literature, resurrection remained a mystery. It wasn't understood simply literally. Yes, the risen Jesus eats fish, but then he also goes through a closed door with no difficulty. All the descriptions in scripture point to a mystery whose reality lies beyond the reach of language, even metaphorical language. And, Jesus' resurrection did not catapult his followers out of this world into some remote spiritual realm. Instead, it catapulted them directly into this world, for it is here, within God's creation, that

the power of the resurrection was at work.

Some of this is articulated by Paul in his letter to the Romans (8:18-39), when he says that the power of the resurrection is not only known among us but also throughout the whole creation. The One who died and was raised, not only “intercedes for us,” but also permeates the cosmos with “the love of God” — so much so, that separation from God's love has become impossible for all of creation.

Christian environmental ethics is not a dispensable, extracurricular activity for “saved” Christians. Instead, the lifestyles we choose affect not only us, but all the creatures we share this planet with. How we live within the environment is a sign of whether or not we are on a “pilgrimage to new life.” Even the root of the word “ecology” (which means “household” in English, and, curiously, is also the root for ecumenical) embraces this Christian perspective about our relationship with creation. Not surprisingly, more and more, churches throughout the expanse of theological perspectives are realizing that the resurrected life that Jesus called us to is not a private Christian possession but a household responsibility that is at work throughout the cosmos, including the Church. What happened at the crucifixion and at the first Easter was cosmic in scope. “The Christ event” binds us to the creation, for which, the resurrection took place.

This Easter season take the time to look at your life and how you are living out your relationship to the household of our planet, Earth. For the resurrection influences the entire spectrum of our ethical decision-making, including environmental ethics, and has far-reaching effects for our ministries.

Christ brings reconciliation to all things and people with God.
Nature bursts into new flowering;
all creation is reborn.
Walk on, O people of God;
Walk on, O people of God!

Faithfully Yours,
Daniel

Stewardship Moments

"And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good."

Genesis 1:31

Holy Scripture reminds us that, the earth is the Lord's and everything in it (Psalm 24:1). All of creation belongs to God, not to human beings. We are part of the created order, and our first calling by God is to be stewards of the earth and the rest of creation (Genesis 1:28 -29).

*Bishop George Browning,
Chair of the worldwide
Anglican Communion
Environmental Network.*

"Man is no longer the Creator's 'steward' but an autonomous despot, who is finally beginning to understand that he must stop at the edge of the abyss... At stake, then, is not only a physical ecology that is concerned to safeguard the habitat of various living beings, but also a human ecology which makes the existence of creatures more dignified, by protecting the fundamental good of life in all its manifestations and by preparing for future generations an environment more in conformity with the Creator's plan."

Pope John Paul II

In the Spotlight

MEMORIAL GARDEN

By George Ebling

PLANNING for the Christ Church Memorial Garden began in 1983 when a group of parishioners, anticipating an aging congregation, began to explore the feasibility of establishing a burial site on the church grounds. Several parishioners had already been buried on the grounds at their family's request, but no formal program had been set up.

The group later established as the Memorial Garden Committee began its work by visiting a number of churches in the area that had already developed on-grounds burial sites, and from these visits, developed a concept that was felt to be suitable for Christ Church. The plan was presented to the Vestry and was approved.

There were two key elements to the plan. First, there would be a common burial site, and second, interment in the Garden would be available only to members of the church and their immediate families or others who had made a significant contribution to the life of the parish.

It soon became apparent that professional help would be necessary to develop and oversee the actual construction of the Garden. Michael J. Dul & Associates, a Birmingham-based landscape architectural firm, was retained to do this. The plan developed was implemented in three separate stages as funds became available, and on Sunday, May 31, 1992, the completed Garden was dedicated in a service by The Reverend Ward Clabuesch.

Subsequently, the Committee believed an appropriate sculpture was needed to provide a religious focus in the Garden and commissioned Ms. Pamela Stump to design one. She crafted "The Pilgrimage," a wonderful sculpture that depicts our journey through life.

The Garden cost \$65,000 to complete and is maintained throughout the summer months by volunteer members of the Lay Weeders Guild. Interment fees are \$500.

Earth Corner

From the Greening Committee

Stopping Junk Mail

WE don't ask for it, but we all get it. Junk mail. Everything from credit card applications to sales brochures to coupon booklets for local businesses. So how do you keep it from arriving in



your mail box? Here are five "to-dos" from an article by Mary Forsell as printed in a recent edition of USA Weekend magazine (March 7-9, 2008).

1. Get off the lists. Go to the Mail Preference Service registry of the Direct Marketing Association (dmachoice.org) and click on "Remove my name from those lists." Online Registration is free (or \$1 through the mail) and is good for three years. This move alone should cut down on 80 percent of unsolicited

mail within four months.

2. Don't fill out registration forms for new products (unless you want recall alerts), says Tom Watson of the National Waste Prevention Coalition. "They're used for mailing lists," he says. And never sign up for contests and sweepstakes, Watson adds.

3. Squash pre-approved credit offers. Register at optoutprescreen.com or call the toll-free number 888.567.8688; both methods cover you for five years. You also can opt out permanently by phone or by mail using a form found on the website. "Not only will you nix the offers, but you'll be reducing your chances of identity theft," says Beth Givens of the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse.

4. Remain anonymous. Supermarket loyalty cards can generate unsolicited mail, so sign up for cards using a pseudonym like Jane or Joe Shopper; with no address, to preserve anonymity.

5. Stay vigilant. Buying online is the main culprit for catalog overload, says Tim Sanchez of the consumer group New American Dream. Opt out at catalogchoice.org.

Junk Mail Statistics

p More than 100 million trees' worth of bulk mail arrive in American mail boxes each year – that's the equivalent of deforesting the entire Rocky Mountain National Park every four months. (*New American Dream calculation from Conservatree and U.S. Forest Service statistics*)

p In 2005, 5.8 million tons of catalogs and other direct mailings ended up in the U.S. municipal solid waste stream – enough to fill over 450,000 garbage trucks. Parked bumper to bumper these garbage trucks would extend from Atlanta to Albuquerque. Less than 36% of this ad mail was recycled. (*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*)

p The production and disposal of direct mail consumes more energy than 3 million cars. (*New American Dream calculation from U.S. Department of Energy and the Paper Task Force statistics*)

p U.S. companies sent 35 billion pieces of direct postal mail in 1980, 64 billion pieces in 1990, 90 billion pieces in 2000, and 100 billion pieces in 2005. That's more than 300 pieces of bulk mail for every man, woman and child! (*U.S. Postal Service*)

p One study says Americans throw away 44% of bulk mail unopened, yet still spend 8 months per lifetime opening bulk mail. (*Consumer Research Institute*)

BRIEFLY

Check your shelves for overdue books

The Murray Stover Library at Christ Church has a new system for overdue books. Lists have been posted in the library, around the church, and also in a spreadsheet as an email attachment (sent only to those on the list). You are encouraged to check the lists for your name and the materials you need to return every time you receive them via email, or are at church. The lists will be regularly updated. When returning books, cross off the corresponding row on the list in the library. Questions? Contact Victoria Bell at 313.274.9088 or drop a note in the in box behind the desk in the library.

Acknowledging Clare Oatney's new ministry

Christ Church's former associate rector, Clare Oatney, will be welcomed by Bishop Wendell Gibbs as the new Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. The Renewal of Ministry and Welcoming of a New Rector ceremony will take place at St. Luke's, 540 W. Lewiston, Ferndale, MI. For more information, please call St. Luke's at 248.543.5900.

Annual cruise benefits soup kitchen

Come along and cruise the Detroit River to benefit the Spirit of Hope Community Kitchen at the Gordon Bugbee Memorial Boat Cruise on Sunday, May 18. The annual fundraiser provides a significant portion of the kitchen's annual budget to feed the hungry in our community all year long. Departing this year from Hart Plaza, the boat will tour the downtown areas of Detroit and Windsor from 5-7 p.m. Parking is nearby in the Millner Parking Garage. The cruise is always a fun

event and a great way to see the city with the Diamond Jack River Cruises. You can help us in a few ways. First, you can buy tickets! The cruise, including dinner, is \$22 per person. Bring family, friends and coworkers along with you. It's best to purchase tickets before the day of the cruise. Second, sell tickets! Request 5, 10, 20 or more tickets to sell to those you know. Third, donate door prizes. Smaller gifts and gift certificates have been part of our door prizes in the past. Fourth, donate a larger gift for silent auction. All proceeds go directly to the kitchen and donations of these gifts are tax deductible.

Celebrate Interfaith Weekend

In conjunction with the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 1, people of all faiths will celebrate Interfaith Weekend, beginning with Jumah prayer on Friday, May 2, and concluding with Sunday evening services on Sunday, May 4. The weekend is a time for congregations to pray, preach and sing about our changed religious landscape and the myriad of opportunities to grow in faith by learning about the other. Many will visit other congregations and welcome visitors in an effort to more deeply appreciate the richness represented by the diverse faith community in southeast Michigan.

Diocesan Altar Guild

Mark your calendar for the Diocesan Altar Guild Spring Luncheon Meeting to be held on Saturday, May 17 at All Saints Episcopal Church, 3837 W. Seven Mile Road in Detroit. More details to come.

Summer Arts Camp at Christ Church

Summer Arts Camp (SAC) is scheduled for June 16-20 this year. The week-long

camp has been held at Christ Church since 2006. It is a full week of drama, art, music and recreational activities for young people ages 4 to 13. We have had a variety of field trips (on Fridays) as part of SAC, including trips to Ann Arbor (Hands on Museum, U-M Bell Tower) and Detroit (Mariners Church, Detroit Opera Theater, The Renaissance Center). The cost for SAC is \$75 per child or \$65 without the Friday Field Trip. Financial need scholarships are available. Application brochures are available in the church office. We need at least 20 campers to make this a success, so please contact Sean Jackman or the church office if you are interested in registering your child.

Worldviews seminar

The sixth annual *Worldviews: A Seminar on American Religious Diversity* will be held June 23-28, 2008, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The six-day, experience-based seminar is designed to introduce participants to foundational information about the beliefs and practices of many of the world's religions, including Baha'i, Buddhism, Chinese and Japanese Traditional Religions, Christianity, First Peoples and Native Traditions, Hinduism, Islam, Jainism, Judaism, Sikhism and Zoroastrianism. Classroom presentations combine lecture, discussion, films, music and a display of maps, posters and books. In late afternoon, participants take a trip to religious centers for conversations with their leaders and members. The course costs \$450, which includes transportation to religious centers, breakfast, lunch and some dinners and a course pack of readings. Registration is requested by May 23. Pick up a registration form in the parish office or visit <http://casl.umd.umich.edu/csrs/>.

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The Year of Abundance:
Cultivating a Community of Gratitude
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Parish Events

NEWCOMERS

Tuesday, April 15, 7PM

An informal gathering of new members and visitors to Christ Church, as well as anyone who may just want to ask questions, make suggestions or get more involved with our faith community. Meets at Au Bon Pain, 22219 Michigan Ave. No need to RSVP. Any questions, contact Stephanie Thomas at 313.801.0925 or stephathomas@aol.com.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Breakfast Bunch

Sundays, 9AM

Meets after the 8:00am service at Leon's Restaurant in Dearborn.

St. Mary's of Bethany Prayer Group

Tuesdays, 10AM

Intercessory prayer offered for the needs of those on our current and sustaining prayer lists. All are welcome.

The Adult Forums

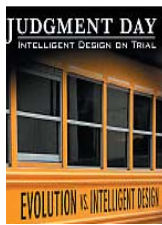
Sundays, 11:30AM-12:15PM

- Apr. 6** Planning Music for Worship (Sean Jackman)
- Apr. 13** Movie Night Discussion (Judgment Day)
- Apr. 20** Christ in the Secular Media, Part 3 of 3
- Apr. 27** My Trip to Israel and Palestine (Dan Appleyard)

Movie Night

Monday, April 7, 7PM

View *Judgment Day - Intelligent Design*



on Trial, a PBS - Nova documentary of the Dover, PA School System controversy over whether *Intelligent Design* would be taught in school. A discussion of the movie will take place at the Adult

Forum on Sunday, April 13 at 11:30 a.m.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Prayer Room

Sundays, 10:05AM

Worship activities for children 3-7 years.

Church School

Sundays, 11:30AM

Children aged 4 to 7 and 8 to 11 participate in a variety of creative learning experiences exploring a biblical story or theme in three- to four-week blocks.

April Theme: The Environment/Protecting the Planet/Earth Day.

JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD

Rite 13

For youth ages 12-14. Leader: Jeanne Martens.

J2A

For youth ages 15-16. Leaders: Jessie Riney, Kevin Goss and Martha Amis.

GEL

For young people 17 and up.

MEETINGS

Outreach Committee

Sunday, April 6, 9AM

St. Martha's Guild

Tuesday, April 8, 12:00PM

Join the Guild for their monthly meeting. Bring a sandwich; beverages and desserts are provided.

Adult Formation

Tuesday, April 8, 5PM

Property Committee

Wednesday, April 9, 7PM

Vestry

Sunday, April 13, 1PM

Library Committee

Wednesday, April 16, 1PM

Finance Committee

Thursday, April 17, 7PM

MUSIC MINISTRY

For more information about the music program, contact Sean Jackman, Music Director, at seanmjackman@gmail.com or 313.562.0136.

Adult Choir

Wednesdays, 7:30-9PM

Weekly choir rehearsal.

Open Choir

Sunday, April 6, 9AM

This choir gives you the opportunity to participate in singing with the choir throughout the year, without having to attend practices weekly. Meet in the Choir Room at 9 a.m. and sing at the 10 a.m. service.

Summer Arts Camp

June 16-20, 9AM-3PM

Register now for this week of fun-filled opportunities for children and youth, including music, art, dance, recreational activities and a special field trip on Friday.

Registration applications are available in the church office. See Briefly section on page 4 for more information.

Music Theater Day Camp

June 23-27, 10AM to 2PM

Register for this additional opportunity for children and youth that culminates in the presentation of the musical, *Paul and Company*, the story of Paul's second missionary journey. Participants will receive coaching in drama and singing; some will also dance or play instruments or may help with set design and construction, props, costuming, lighting and sound reinforcement. Offered by St. Paul Lutheran Church in Dearborn; \$45 per person. To register, call St. Paul's at 313.561.0168.

LOOKING AHEAD

Tigers Game

Friday, June 6, 5PM; (game at 7:05PM)

Plan to join others as we watch the Tigers beat Cleveland at Comerica



Park in Detroit. Meet in the church parking lot for pizza and drinks at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$22 each and should be reserved and paid for through Jan Timpko in the church office.

Payment is due to Jan by May 1. Only 50 tickets are available. For more information, please contact Erika Morrison at 313.585.1170 or erikamorrison@sbcglobal.net.

United Thank Offering Ingathering Sunday, May 4

Pick up a blue box this month and start collecting loose change for the United Thank Offering (UTO) Spring Ingathering on May 4. The UTO is a ministry of the Episcopal Church that invites God's people to offer daily prayers of thanksgiving to God and outward and visible signs of those prayers which will benefit those less fortunate around the world. UTO monies are distributed to organizations and groups within the Episcopal Church or Anglican Communion through grants. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Hall at 313.274.4843

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE & Healing 7:00 Boy Scouts	2 6:00 Martial Arts 7:00 Martial Arts 7:30 AA 7:30 Choir	3 11:30 AA 7:00 Cycling Club	4 1:00-3:00 Take-A-Break 6:30 Girl Scouts	5 11:00 G. Ebling Funeral & Interment 12:00-1:30 AA
6 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Outreach 9:00 Open Choir 10:05 Prayer Room 11:30 Education 2:00 Martial Arts 3:30 Martial Arts	7 7:00 Movie Night 7:00 Scout Leaders 8:00 AA	8 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE 12:00 St. Martha's 5:00 Adult Formation 7:00 Boy Scouts	9 6:00 Martial Arts 7:00 Martial Arts 7:00 Property Meet 7:30 AA 7:30 Choir	10 11:30 AA 7:00 Welcoming New Rector, St. Luke's Ferndale	11 1:00-3:00 Take-A-Break	12 12:00-1:30 AA 12:30 Covenant V
13 8:00 & 10:00 HE 10:05 Prayer Room 11:30 Education 1:00 Vestry 2:00 Martial Arts 3:30 Martial Arts	14 8:00 AA	15 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE 7:00 New member coffee: Au Bon Pain	16 1:00 Library Meet 6:00 Martial Arts 7:00 Martial Arts 7:30 AA 7:30 Choir	17 11:30 AA 7:00 Finance Comm	18 1:00-3:00 Take-A-Break 6:30 Girl Scouts	19 12:00-1:30 AA
20 8:00 & 10:00 HE 10:05 Prayer Room 11:30 Education 2:00 Martial Arts 3:00 Violin Recital 3:30 Martial Arts	21 8:00 AA	22 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE 7:00 Boy Scouts	23 6:00 Martial Arts 7:00 Martial Arts 7:30 AA 7:30 Choir	24 11:30 AA	25 1:00-3:00 Take-A-Break	26 12:00-1:30 AA
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Service Schedule

WEEK OF APRIL 6

Acolytes TBD
 Greeters/Ushers (8am) TBD
 (10am) Team 4 – P. Owens, B. Owens, M. J. Searles
 Lector/L.E.M. (8am) TBD
 (10am) Youth reader, B. Hall, A. Johnson
 G. Morrison, M. J. Crane, C. Goss
 M. Shelton, M. Pellegrino
 A. Johnson
 Altar Guild
 LEVs
 VPOD
 Sunday Readings: The 3rd Sunday of Easter
 Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17;
 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

WEEK OF APRIL 13

Acolytes TBD
 Ushers/Greeters (8am) G. Borgeson
 (10am) Team 5 – I. Behm, B. Ryan, P. Snyder, J. Garris
 Lector/L.E.M. (8am) R. Groover
 (10am) K. Green, M. Sallman, E. Simpson
 K. Hipp, D. Hipp, E. Brehob,
 C. Kappauf
 B. Hall
 C. Serfass
 Altar Guild
 LEVs
 VPOD
 Sunday Readings: The 4th Sunday of Easter
 Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

WEEK OF APRIL 20

Acolytes TBD
 Ushers/Greeters (8am) T. Foster
 (10am) Team 1 – N. Bell, E. Bell, D. Brim
 (8am) B. Hall
 (10am) N. Lehnert, M. Amis, D. Brehob
 E. Boyar, L. Pedler, J. Shaw
 J. Garris
 Lector/L.E.M.
 Altar Guild
 VPOD
 Sunday Readings: The 5th Sunday of Easter
 Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16;
 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:15-21

WEEK OF APRIL 27

Acolytes TBD
 Ushers/Greeters (8am) J. Pedler
 (10am) Team 2 – J. Connelly, J. Connelly,
 M. Shelton
 (8am) A. Johnson
 (10am) D. Petts, D. Cardwell, E. Simpson
 K. Green, R. Green, J. Reiner
 L. Nolan
 Lector/L.E.M.
 Altar Guild
 VPOD
 Sunday Readings: The 6th Sunday of Easter
 Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:7-18;
 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Music Notes



Sean Jackman
Director of Music

Tess Dowgiallo
Children's Choir Director

Easter

Thanks to our Choir for making extra special efforts through the Easter Season. This is a busy time in the church year, and I appreciate the commitment of our choir members.

Children's Music

Our MDG Play was presented on March 9. My thanks to those children and young people who were involved and to parents who supported our work. I believe this was an

effective way for our younger members to learn more about the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations.

Summer Arts Camp 2008

As you know Summer Arts Camp is set for June 16—23. We are excited to be offering instruction in drama, music and dance again this year, as well as lots of fun mixed in between. As always we are looking for volunteers. We need people with a variety of skills, from helping with classes to lunch preparation and chaperoning on our Friday field trip. Time commitments can vary from one hour to the whole week! If you would like to know more about the program, please speak to me. Brochures are available in the church office and through our church website at christchurchdearborn.org.

Open Choir

Open Choir continues to thrive. Rehearsal begins at 9 a.m. in the choir on the day of the service. The next Open Choir dates are April 6 and May 4. I am considering having a MEN ONLY Open Choir at some point in the spring (in addition to Open Choir). Please see me, tenors and basses!

Sean Jackman

ETCETERA

Courier Article Submissions

Please submit articles for the Courier to JoAnn Amicangelo at joamicangelo@wideopenwest.com and Jan Timpko at office@christchurchdearborn.org. Articles for the May issue are due April 15.



I have found that
among its other
benefits, giving
liberates the soul
of the giver.

Maya Angelou

FINANCIAL CORNER

Income & Expenses as of February 29, 2008

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income (Pledges & Offerings)	\$50,440	\$56,940
Other	\$1,905	\$2,350
Total Operating Income	\$52,345	\$59,290
Less Operating Expenses	\$73,489	\$74,635
Surplus / Deficit	\$(21,144)	\$(15,345)
2007 Carry-over Cash	\$20,431	\$20,431

PASSAGES

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/01 Anna Behm, John Culp,
Erika Morrison
4/03 Laura Brydges
4/04 Peter Kenney
4/05 Theodore Oelkers
4/06 William Behm, Toc Dunlap,
Mary Jo Durivage
4/07 Edwina Simpson
4/08 Dennis Reiner
4/10 Delores Simmons, Paige Turmel
4/11 Heather Giberson, Emerson Percy
4/12 Daniel Angel, Carol Ward
4/13 Jean Oelkers, Joe VanDerZanden
4/14 Olga Most, Richard Polcyn
4/15 Virginia Ebling, Elsie Forbes,

4/16 Elaine Passage, George Turmel
4/18 Elise Kendra
4/19 Eric Lowery
4/20 Julia Garris, Andrew Poceta
4/21 Carl Gray, Renee Kish,
Benjamin Ward
4/22 Jamie Konarski, Hardy Shelton
4/23 Mary December, Robin Kedzo
4/23 Griffin Giberson, Alan Kurth,
Richard Markowski
4/24 Jack Audi, David Leduc,
Daniel Stanis
4/25 Katie Hayburn
4/28 Gary Gauthier, Ronald Juergens,
Richard Konarski
4/29 George Borgeson, Mike Hipp,

4/30 Jeffrey Wojtowicz

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4/01 Gary & Catherine Gauthier,
31 years
4/06 Paulsen Vandever & Caroline
Serfass, 14 years
4/30 Mathew and Eleanore Lucante,
48 years

DEATHS

Helen Moran, 3/9/08
Earl Bergeron, 3/10/08
The Rev. Bob MacDonald, 3/24/08
George Ebling, 3/28/08

Hoist the Sails!

By John McConnell

Four billion years ago
Our lonely Earth
Set sail on cosmic seas
Guided by an unseen
hand
Of nature, God
or chance.

As life evolved
Through endless
eco-cycles
Man was born,
destined
To destroy or enrich
the Precious Ship.

And now his hand
Has seized the tiller
But his ear has not
Yet caught the Captain's
Quiet command.

The sails are down, the ship
becalmed,
Its fragile life at stake.
No longer do we ride
the gentle swells of



Silent seas and breathe
The fragrant air.

Broken are the rhythms
Of our cyclic plants
And other living
things.

But now
the Captain
speaks again
Our quiet thoughts
at last reveal his
voice.

“Hoist the sails, Earth Man.
Set them for celestial winds.
Hold the tiller firm,
The course ahead is clear.”

Be He nature, God or chance
His voice is heard
And we shall heed
The Captain's quiet command.

*John McConnell founded the original
Earth Day celebrated every year on the
first day of spring.*

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