

# the Courier

THE NEWSLETTER OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

## From the Assistant Rector

I was in the Dallas/Fort Worth airport at the end of January, on the way back from a visit with my family. I made my way into a shop that sold books and magazines. I had gone through my reading material and needed to find something to occupy me on my trip back to Detroit. I bought a copy of a novel titled *The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini. It was the only book that looked even remotely interesting. So far it has left me breathless and brokenhearted.

The novel—at least the part that I have read so far—is set in Afghanistan. It is the story of two boys who spend their childhood together, one as master, the other as servant. It is a story of betrayal and fidelity, of the roles that class and religion play in separating one from the other. It is a story of the havoc we can inflict on ourselves and on others when we act out of fear, jealousy, and the need for the approval of others. So far it has been a viscerally painful reading experience.

That is true in part because many of my own memories of childhood are still so painful. The shifting sands of loyalty continually made one of us kids—and not always the same one—an outsider to the larger group. Sooner or later, group boundaries would change and the outsider would be drawn into the group, while another person would be expelled. As I read this book I was reminded that I have not forgotten the pain that comes from being on the outside. But I also have the memory of having caused pain to others, the memory of having been a betrayer.

It has been a good book for this time of the year, a good book for Lent. For at this time of year we are called to understand the hearts of the disciples—perhaps Peter and Judas most of all—who were tempted to desert Jesus, to betray him out of fear, dissatisfaction, or impatience. We are called to understand the religious lead-

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## ABOUT OUR WORSHIP DURING HOLY WEEK

One of the most significant weeks of the Christian year is Holy Week. It is a week that reveals so much of what we have come to believe. In the worship services that we offer, there are powerful liturgies that invite us to witness and participate in Christ's Life, Death, and Resurrection. The experience of Christians down through the ages has been that those who join daily in the worship experiences of Holy Week come to Easter with a new appreciation and understanding of their faith.

### PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is a bitter-sweet observance. Throngs of people welcomed Jesus as he entered the city of Jerusalem on the first day of his Passion (Passion has the ancient meaning of "suffering") because they believed he was the Messiah who would rescue them from Roman oppression. When they realized that Jesus was not exactly the Messiah they wanted him to be, their cheers of welcome turned into shouts of "Crucify him!" Palm Sunday services begin by re-enacting the triumphal

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## DISCIPLESHIP GROUP RE-FORMS

Are you thinking about your faith? Would you like to explore with other members of Christ Church what it means to be a Christian in the twenty-first century? If this sounds like something that would be helpful to you, think about joining the Discipleship Group as it re-forms and begins meeting again in April.

The Discipleship Group is a small group of members of Christ Church who have been meeting since September. We held our last scheduled meeting in mid-February. At that meeting, members expressed appreciation for the opportunity that the group had provided for the support and sharing that we all need as we walk our faith journey. We decided that we would like to continue meeting through the spring, after taking a break during Lent.

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ers who sought to protect God and the religious community—the people of God—from public sinners and those who were seen as being unclean. And we are called to identify with those who were outsiders—either because of the life choices they had made or for reasons totally outside of their control—outsiders not only to the community, but seemingly to God also. It is their very humanity that makes them the object of our compassion.

Lent is also a time when we are called to walk the path that Jesus walked; to go with him to Jerusalem and to understand, as he must have, that those who would entrap him and betray him were on all sides. He stands before us as the one who did not allow fear to get in the way of living out his calling. He urged his disciples to trust God. He called on them to claim the power that came to them from God to do wondrous acts of healing. The exciting thing about Lent is that Jesus reminds us of the very same thing. We are called by God to do amazing things, to acknowledge where we have been in life and then to turn around—to repent—and to live anew. Not trapped by fear or jealousy. Not caught by prejudices of race and nationality and class and religion. But free to step out in trust as a light in the world, Christ's light in the world.

~Margaret

## DISCIPLESHIP GROUP RE-FORMS- CONTINUED

The first of the spring meetings will take place on Sunday, April 10, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Resource Room. The other three meetings are scheduled for April 24, May 8, and May 22, the times to be decided later.

The focus of the spring meetings will be new. Watch the Sunday *Communicator* for news of the theme of this series of discussions. Todd Kappauf and Nancy Lehnert will serve as facilitators. If you have questions—or if you are interested in joining the group—please let Todd or Nancy know. In addition, the other members of the group would be happy to share their experiences of this group with you. Those members are Martha Amis, Jane Culp, Mary Donegan-Ritter, Stephanie Mulkern, Edwina Simpson, and Margaret Haas.

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entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, then rapidly plunges into the suffering of Holy Week.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

On Thursday in Holy Week, Jesus kept the ancient Jewish Passover Seder with his Disciples. Before the Seder, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and at the conclusion of the sacred meal took the “Elijah” cup of wine and the remaining unleavened bread and instituted the Eucharist or Holy Communion.

### A VIGIL

After the Last Supper, Jesus and the Disciples went out of Jerusalem to the Garden of Gethsemane and climbed the Mount of Olives. There Jesus asked the Disciples to pray with him. While he prayed, they slept. We keep vigil on this evening to watch and pray with Jesus.

### GOOD FRIDAY

The observance of Good Friday, the day of Jesus' crucifixion has several parts. First is the Liturgy of the Word wherein the climax is the story of the Passion according to St. John. The second part is an extended intercession for the Church and the world called “The Solemn Collects.” Part three is a meditation on Jesus' crucifixion. A wooden cross or crucifix is brought into the Church or is uncovered as a focus for our attention.

### THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

The Great Vigil of Easter dramatically moves us from the darkness of death to the light of the Resurrection; Easter begins in a dark church and a new fire is lighted. From this is kindled the Pascal Candle—a symbol of the risen Christ. The Pascal Candle then shares its light with all in the Christian community who share in Christ's resurrection.

In this way, since the earliest time, the Church has proclaimed “Alleluia, Christ is risen!” It is now Easter, and the first Eucharist of Easter is celebrated.

### EASTER SUNDAY

The Lord is risen! Allelujah! Easter Sunday we celebrate the foundation of our faith: the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With Easter, death has lost its power to separate us from the love of God.

*Alleluia!*  
**HE IS ALIVE!**

## MUSIC NOTES

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### ADULT CHOIR

We are happy to say that we have had several new members join us the past few weeks. I am interested in having at least 24 people sing in the Adult Choir. Easter is a great Sunday to aim for. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Rehearsals are Thursday's at 7:30.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

This group of dedicated children has been meeting every Sunday morning at 9 am in the upstairs classroom. New members are always welcome! We sang in church on February 13. Our next time in church will be March 6th when we will be singing *Here I am Lord* with the adult choir and the bell group. The Children's Choir is also scheduled for Easter Sunday (March 27). Please contact Tess Dowgiallo or me for more information.

### BELLS

The Bell Choir has been working hard and continues to meet weekly. Because of the Lenten Soup Suppers, our rehearsals are now on Thursday's at 6:30. Please see me for more information. The next scheduled time for ringing in church is March 6th.



Please consider joining one of the musical groups at Christ Church. I would happy

to speak with you about our opportunities to minister through music.

*Yours in music ministry,  
Sean Jackman*

## CHAPEL DAY PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

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Thursday, March 3rd  
6:30-8:00pm

Open House for the Preschool is scheduled for Thursday, March 3rd from 6:30-8:00pm. We have open enrollment taking place now for current students who will be here for the 2005-2006 school year. Anyone interested in meeting our preschool teachers and finding out more about the Chapel Day preschool program are welcome to attend!

*~Sue Drake*

## VESTRY REFLECTION

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By Ross Groover

Once upon a time, there was a little school that flourished under the care of a church parish and its board of directors. The school was small, but had wonderful, nurturing teachers, bright and cheerful places for children to play and learn, and a colorful outdoor play space where children could run and jump and skip rope. Even though the school was small, it was well known in the community and parents from far and wide came to the school to enroll their children. Many parishioners also enrolled their small children and grandchildren in the school. The school was an integral part of both the parish and the community and all benefited from their experiences with the little school.

Many years passed. The school and its teachers continued educating their small students through play experiences, bible stories, songs and books. However, the world around the little school was changing. The mothers of the small students went to work just like the fathers. The parishioners who had been so involved in the daily management of the school grew older, and as they retired, there were fewer and fewer people to take their places on the board of directors. People were so busy going to work, raising their children, and attending to other responsibilities that not many people had time to worry about the now struggling school. There were now many other choices for parents to choose from for their children's school – many choices that provided more options for busy parents—like longer hours and child-care. The parents who did enroll their children in the school were very happy, but every year there were fewer and fewer of them.

Soon the school came to be in a state of crisis. There were not enough parents, and even more critically, not enough people who cared enough or had time enough to help the school figure out how to be a thriving place once again. Should it just close its doors after so many years, even though there continued to be parents and children who wanted to come to the little school? Were there changes that the little school could make that would encourage more parents to enroll their children? Were there changes that should be made to the school's very structure as a Christian school that would appeal to the more diverse community in which it was located? Sadly, without a group of dedicated people to guide the little school, it could not decide what would be the best course of action.

Of course, this story describes Christ Church's own little school, Chapel Day Preschool. Chapel Day finds itself with a declining enrollment base and unable to recruit enough people from our parish to serve on the board of directors. After over 30 years of serving our parish and the community of Dearborn, it is faced with the very real possibility of closing its doors after the 2005-2006 school year. It would be a shame to allow that to happen without a close examination of the school's role in our parish and community life, and the many options and ideas that have been suggested for reviving this community outreach "project." Please keep us in your prayers as a small group of parishioners undertake this deliberate action that will result in either a revitalization or the planned death of a long-standing parish institution.

**JOIN US**

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

See back page for complete listing.

**EASTER SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS**

**Sunday, March 27, 11:30am**

Bring a food item to share at the Easter Sunday Coffee Hour after the 10am service.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Sunday, March 27, 11:30am**

Annual children's hunt for candy-filled eggs hidden on the church lawn. Bring a basket and join in the search.

**FAMILY INTEREST**

**BAPTISM**

**Saturday, March 26 - Preparation Class: 10am-12pm; Baptism: 8pm**

The Baptism Preparation Class is designed for parents and godparents of the children being presented for Baptism during the Great Vigil of Easter Service. Call the church office no later than Monday, March 21, if you are interested.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

**VIA MEDIA CONVERSATIONS CONTINUE INTO EASTERTIDE**

**Wednesdays, 5:45 - 8p.m.**

**3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 4/6 4/27, & 5/11**

Through the three remaining Wednesdays of Lent (03/02, 03/9, & 3/16), we will continue our journey through the Via Media program. Then in the Season of Easter, we will continue our conversations on the Christian faith and life with three more gatherings: April 6 and 27, and May 11. Mark your calendars and join us.

**LENTEN PRAYER**

**Weekdays through**

**Friday, March 25**

Start each weekday for the remainder of the Lenten season with Morning Prayer. Any questions, call Don Cardwell (313.277.0574).

**BREAKFAST BUNCH**

**Sundays, 9AM**

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

**PRAYER GROUP**

**St. Mary's of Bethany**

**Tuesdays, 10AM**

Intercessory prayer offered for the needs of those on our current and sustaining prayer lists. Also sends notes of encouragement to those prayed for. All are welcome.

**"NOT NECESSARILY RELIGIOUS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP"**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 7:30PM**

Our next book will be *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. This book comes highly recommended by a number of our participants. (See page 6 of this newsletter for more information about the book.) Due to the Afghan connection and Toc's travel schedule, we have agreed to postpone the next meeting until Wednesday, April 20 at 7:30 PM. By that time, Toc, Peg and Bill should be back in town. We hope to see many of you there.

**THE ADULT FORUMS**

**Sundays, 11:30AM-12:15PM**

March 6: Speaker will be Scott Hunter

March 13: Evangelism

March 20 & March 27: No Adult Forums due to Palm Sunday and Easter

**MEETINGS**

**ST. MARTHA'S GUILD HUMOR'S HEALING POWER**

**Tuesday, March 8, 12:00PM**

Bring a sandwich, a joke, and a bit o'green. Coffee and cookies will be provided. All are welcome. Ruth West and Olga Kozlowski are this month's hostesses.

**ALTAR GUILD'S PALM CROSS MAKING**

**Saturday, March 19, 9:00AM (MTG) 9:30AM (CROSS MAKING)**

The Altar Guild, and anyone who wants to help, will craft more than 300 palm crosses for distribution on Palm Sunday. Bring scissors, a sharp knife, and a cutting board. An Altar Guild meeting will be conducted from 9 to 9:30 before the palm cross making. Please bring your membership dues and your schedules.

**CHILDREN'S EDUCATION**

**PRAYER ROOM**

**Sundays, 10:00AM**

Worship activities for children 3-7 years.

**CHURCH SCHOOL**

**Sundays, 11:30AM**

Bible stories, singing and crafts for children preschool-aged to 9.

**JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD**

**Sundays, 11:30am-12:15pm**

Coordinators: Jerry Behm & Monica McLeod

**RITE 13**

Two groups for youth ages 11-13 are meeting. Call Susan Gregg or Dale Taylor at 277.1975 for more information on Group 1 which enters their 2nd year. Group 2 is being led by Erika Morrison 791.2709 and Curt Ritter 259.2296.

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

**Sundays, 9AM**

Choir for elementary school-aged children. Meets in Rm 213.

**HANDBELL CHOIR**

**Wednesdays, 6:30PM**

**ADULT CHOIR**

**Thursdays, 7:30PM** (Childcare available)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 7:00 Morning Prayer 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE & Healing 6:30 Energy Healing 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>2</b> 7:00 Morning Prayer 5:45 Soup Supper/Via Media 7:30 AA	<b>3</b> 7:00 Morning Prayer 11:30 AA 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Choir	<b>4</b> 7:00 Morning Prayer 6:30 Grief Support	<b>5</b> 8:30-3:00 Trinity Soup Kitchen 12:00-1:30 AA
<b>6</b> 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Childrens Choir 10:00 Prayer Room 11:30 Church School Rite 13, Forum	<b>7</b> 7:00 Morning Prayer 10:00 Senior Exercise 7:00 Scout Leaders 8:00 AA	<b>8</b> 7:00 Morning Prayer 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE 12:00 St. Martha's 6:30 Energy Healing 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>9</b> 7:00 Morning Prayer 5:45 Soup Supper/Via Media 7:30 AA	<b>10</b> 7:00 Morning Prayer 9:30 Interfaith Thanksgiving Meet 11:30 AA 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Choir	<b>11</b> 7:00 Morning Prayer 6:30 Grief Support	<b>12</b> 9:00-2:00 Vestry Retreat 12:00-1:30 AA
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<b>20 Palm Sunday</b> 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Childrens Choir 10:00 Prayer Room	<b>21</b> 7:00 Morning Prayer 10:00 Senior Exercise 5:30 HE 8:00 AA	<b>22</b> 7:00 Morning Prayer 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE 5:30 HE 6:30 Energy Healing 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>23</b> 7:00 Morning Prayer 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 AA 7:30 Tenebra Service	<b>24 Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00 Morning Prayer 11:30 AA 7:30 Washing of feet 9:00 Vigil	<b>25 Good Friday</b> Office Closed 7:00 Morning Prayer 12:00 -3:00 Silent Meditation 7:00 Solemn Prayers & Collects	<b>26</b> 10:00 Baptism Prep 12:00-1:30 AA 7:30 HE w/baptism
<b>27 Easter</b> 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Childrens Choir 10:00 Prayer Room 11:30 Egg Hunt	<b>28</b> Office Closed 8:00 AA	<b>29</b> 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE 6:30 Energy Healing	<b>30</b> 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 AA	<b>31</b> 11:30 AA 7:30 Choir		

**WEEK OF MARCH 6**

Acolytes tbd  
 Ushers (8:00am) T Foster  
 (10am) Team 3 – Piernick, Prokopp, Kedzo, Mills  
 Lector/LEM (8:00am) M A Zawada  
 (10:00am) M Farquharson, R Groover, A Johnson  
 Altar Guild J. Reiner, L Pedler, J Piernick  
 LEVs B Hall, M Shelton  
 VPOD J Connelly, S Ward  
 Sunday Readings: The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23;  
 Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-13,28-38

**WEEK OF MARCH 13**

Acolytes tbd  
 Ushers (8am) R Peterson  
 (10am) Team 4 – D Hipp, M Hipp, Matthews, Oatney  
 Lector/LEM (8am) D Brehob  
 (10am) K Green, M Sallman, M A Zawada  
 E Coghill, L Conklin, A Johnson, L Leduc  
 Altar Guild M Pellegrino, J Anderson  
 LEVs B Hoffman, D Brehob  
 VPOD  
 Sunday Readings: The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
 Ezekiel 37:1-3,11-14; Psalm 130;  
 Romans 6:16-23; John 11:17-44

**WEEK OF MARCH 20**

Acolytes tbd  
 Ushers (8am) J Pedler  
 (10am) Team 5 – J Groover, D Piernick,  
 L Leduc, D Young  
 Lector/L.E.M. (8am) E Simpson  
 (10am) N Lehnert, M Amis, D Cardwell  
 Altar Guild C Goss, I Behm, J Oelkers, J Reiner  
 LEVs A Johnson, C Goss  
 VPOD E Simpson, R Somerville  
 Sunday Readings: Palm Sunday: Isaiah 45:21-25; Psalm 22:1-11;  
 Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 27:1-54

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Ushers Team 1 – Baker, KB Matthews, Garriss  
 Lector/L.E.M. B Hoffman, D Brehob, R Groover  
 VPOD J Culp  
 Readings Exodus 12:1-14a; Psalm 78:14-20,23-25;  
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Ushers Team 2 – Ludwig, Brim, Sallman, D Leduc  
 Lector/L.E.M. E Simpson, D Petts  
 VPOD E Simpson  
 Readings Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 22:1-21;  
 Hebrews 10:1-25; John (18:1-40)19:1-37

**EASTER VIGIL**

Ushers Team 3 – M Piernick, Prokopp, Kedzo, Mills  
 Lector/L.E.M. B Simpson, B Hall, E Simpson  
 VPOD R Groover  
 Readings Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 7:1-5;11-18;8:6-18;9:8-13;  
 Exodus 14:10-15:1; Zephaniah 3:12-20

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27**

Acolytes tbd  
 Ushers (8am) D Baker Sr  
 (10am) Team 4 – DHipp, MHipp, Matthews, Oatney  
 Lector/L.E.M. (8am) D Petts, D Brehob, M Sallman  
 (10am) M Somerville, A Johnson, D Cardwell  
 Altar Guild J Cohoe, B Caldwell, G Morrison  
 LEVs K Green  
 VPOD  
 Sunday Readings: Easter: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 111:14-29;  
 Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10



## EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN WELCOMES NOTED AUTHOR & THEOLOGIAN PHYLLIS TICKLE FOR EIGHTH ANNUAL BECOMING THE HOUSEHOLD CONFERENCE

Phyllis Tickle, contributing editor in religion for Publishers Weekly, the international journal of the book industry, will be the keynote speaker at the annual “Becoming the Household of Jesus Christ” conference on April 1 & 2, at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Royal Oak. The topic for the conference this year is “Prayer – The Stewardship of Time,” and focuses on expanding the concept of stewardship to include “everything you do once you say you believe.” Tickle contends that “in prayer, we both expend time and influence it. In prayer, we also construct and occupy particularized space within creation. That two-fold result makes prayer the most powerful, frightening, and central of all the spiritual disciplines.”

Tickle is recognized as an authority on religion in America and is a much sought after lecturer on the subject. In addition to lectures and numerous essays, articles and interviews, she is the author of some two dozen books, most of them on religion and spirituality. During this conference, Tickle will use her book *The Divine Hours: Prayers for Summertime* as a way to explore the keeping of the hours as a discipline, and the place of prayer in the religious formation of every individual believer.

The conference begins Friday evening, April 1, at 6:00 p.m. with registration and the program will run until 9:30 p.m. It will begin on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast and will run until 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes lunch if reservations are in by March 14. Walk-in registrations are welcome, however, walk-ins must bring their own lunch for Saturday. Scholarship aid is available by contacting (313) 833-4413. A registration form can be downloaded from [www.edomi.org](http://www.edomi.org) and then mailed in with a check made payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. To find out more about the conference or to register, call (313) 833-4413.

### BY POPULAR DEMAND, THE BOOK GROUP HAS DECIDED...

Our next book will be *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. This book comes highly recommended by a number of our participants. Here is part of what Amazon.com had to say about it:

*The Kite Runner follows the story of Amir, the privileged son of a wealthy businessman in Kabul, and Hassan, the son of Amir’s father’s servant. As children in the relatively stable Afghanistan of the early 1970s, the boys are inseparable. They spend idyllic days running kites and telling stories of mystical places and powerful warriors until an unspeakable event changes the nature of their relationship forever, and eventually cements their bond in ways neither boy could have ever predicted. Even after Amir and his father flee to America, Amir remains haunted by his cowardly actions and disloyalty. In part, it is these demons and the sometimes impossible quest for forgiveness that bring him back to his war-torn native land after it comes under Taliban rule.*

Due to the Afghan connection and Toc’s travel schedule, we have agreed to postpone the next meeting until Wednesday, April 20 at 7:30 PM. By that time, Toc, Peg and Bill should be back in town. We hope to see many of you there.

~Kevin I. Green

## FINANCIAL CORNER

Income & Expenses as of January 31, 2005

	YTD Actual	Total 2005 Budget
Income (Pledges & Offerings)	\$25,824	\$372,761
Other	\$928	\$26,200
Total Operating Income	\$26,752	\$399,673
Less Operating Expenses	\$41,007	\$441,135
Surplus / Deficit	\$(14,255)	\$(41,462)

## ETC.

### ALTAR FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Honor your loved ones - and help decorate the church at Easter - by purchasing altar flowers in their memory. To make your purchase, call the church office by Monday, March 21, and send your check made payable to Christ Church Altar Guild in the amount of \$20 per plant. Please call the church even if you have had a standing order in years past.

### CHILDREN’S BOOKS NEEDED

While the cold weather has you hibernating indoors, take a look at your stash of children’s books and choose some to donate to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy children. Drop them in the Children’s Book Box in the foyer outside of the church office.

### FOOD PREP, SERVERS, SET-UP & CLEAN-UP CREW

A number of adults are needed for Crossroads Soup Kitchen on Saturday and Sunday, April 2 and 3. About 10 adults are needed on Saturday from 9am to 12pm to help prepare the food here at Christ Church. Many more volunteers (at least eight men) are needed on Sunday from 8:30am to 3pm to help set-up, serve lunch and clean-up. Sign-up sheets are on the Undercroft and Education bulletin boards. Call Mary Agnes Clickner at 313-278-7063 with any questions.

## DID YOU KNOW...

In 1866 the Articles of Agreement were signed that organized Christ Church, Dearborn as a new parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

In 1867 the first parish meeting was held, a vestry elected and the Rev. Fitch was invited to become the first rector.

An interesting and continuing trend developed. Income totaled \$245 with \$136 being spent for "fitting up" the chapel and \$100 for diocesan and missionary work.

The congregation struggled and grew. In 1870 a snowstorm greeted the bishop and the "flock" of 5 parishioners that witnessed the laying of the cornerstone of their new church.

Fast-forward 139 years from our organization date. We held our 138 Annual Meeting, electing a vestry and had detailed discussions about the unbalanced budget.

But how we have changed and grown. In 1948 we laid the cornerstone of our current building.

In the early days there were 10 baptized members. Today we have 620.

We received 33 new members this past year.

We have 170 pledging members with a budget of \$441,000.

The average pledge is \$1901 a 5% increase from the prior year.

That it costs just over \$36,000 a month (\$8,500 a week) for us to continue to work toward accomplishing our mission.

In 2006 we will celebrate the 140th anniversary of our founding.

In keeping with the model established nearly 140 year ago, we look forward to growing in numbers, dollars and commitment to our stated mission.

As we march forward, continue to follow our progress. See where we have been by reading the 138th Annual Report.

Watch where we are going. Log on to:

[WWW.CHRISTCHURCHDEARBORN.ORG](http://WWW.CHRISTCHURCHDEARBORN.ORG)

See the *Courier*.

Join us with your regular church attendance and financial support.

~The Finance Committee

## VESTRY RAMPS UP FOR 2005

Following last month's Annual Meeting, the returning members and newly commissioned members of the Vestry organized themselves to serve the parish and support Christ Church's ministries. Jane Culp will serve as Senior Warden and Martha Amis as Junior Warden. In addition, the other vestry members agreed to serve as follows:

Diana Brehob — Evangelism

Jamie Connelly — Finance

Kevin Green —

Education/Christian Formation

Ross Groover — Property Commission

Brooke Hofmann-Porter — Communication

Sean Quaint — Service Commission

Edwina Simpson — Evangelism

Roger Somerville — Stewardship

Susan Ward — Service Commission

Thanks to all who have offered their time and talent to continue and improve upon the services and ministries of Christ Church Dearborn.

## IN OUR MAILBOX

"We want to thank all the church members and clergy that helped us during our trying time. God bless you all."

~The Vokac Family

ARTICLES FOR THE APRIL *COURIER*  
ARE DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE  
NO LATER THAN  
MONDAY, MARCH 15.  
THANK YOU!

## PASSAGES

March Birthdays					
3/03	Georgia Cotter, Chad Sitarski, Julia Vokac	3/17	Thomas Leduc, Patricia McKellar, Patricia Monteith, Phyllis Potter, Ruth West, Mary Ann Zawada	3/28	Ruth Durbin, Elaine Kirton, Judith LeBlanc, Harold Neidigh, Peg Poceta, Ray Roberson
3/05	Claus Joens, Ben Kedzo, Gerald Trimble			3/29	Judith Polcyn
3/06	Thomas Trimble	3/18	Matthew Chapman	3/31	Annie Brewer
3/07	Walter Boltrick, Peter Oatney	3/20	Jeanne Martens	Anniversaries	
3/08	Robert Cooper, Lynn Kenney, Herbert Wyngard	3/21	David Nichols	3/4	Paul & Lena Gray, 45 years
3/09	Caroline Kurth	3/22	Robert Buzby	3/7	Richard & Nan Giovanni, 6 years
3/10	Jonathan Lore, Anne Niparko, Michael Oatney	3/23	Douglas Booth, Abigail Mills, Madeline Renda	3/30	Richard & Deanne Baker, 37 years
3/11	Karen Kaven	3/25	Jean Angel, Deanne Baker, Randy Stahl	Deaths	
3/12	James Connelly, Katherine Youngheim	3/26	Donald Cardwell, Patricia Klix, James Leidel, Jackie Nichols	Ralph Jack Faulds	
3/13	Andrew Sawicki	3/27	Eleanor Dolega, Michelle Eifert, Virginia McLaughlin, Mary Donegan-Ritter	Thomas R. Shaw	
3/14	Logan Quaint			Robert Vokac	
3/16	Leslie Nolan			Jack Zimmerman	

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**Palm Sunday, March 20**

8:00 & 10:00 am  
Blessing of the Palms and Passion Reading

**Monday in Holy Week, March 21**

5:30 pm ~ Holy Eucharist

**Tuesday in Holy Week, March 22**

11:00 am & 5:30 pm ~ Holy Eucharist

**Wednesday in Holy Week, March 23**

7:30 pm ~ Tenebrae Service in Chapel

**Maundy Thursday, March 24**

7:30 pm ~ Foot Washing,  
Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar  
9:00 pm ~ Prayer Vigil  
begins in the Chapel and continues through  
Good Friday, March 25 at 12:00pm. (Sign-up for one-hour time slots.)

**Good Friday, March 25**

12:00 pm-3:00 pm ~ Contemplating the Cross: Time for Silent Meditation  
7:30 pm ~ Service with Solemn Prayer & Collects \*  
*(the Ecumenical Good Friday Service was cancelled by our partner churches)*

**Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, March 26 , 7:30 PM \***

**Easter Sunday, March 27**

8:00 am & 10:00 am \*Festival Eucharist in the Church.  
Potluck Coffee Hour and Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:00 am service.

*\*Childcare provided*



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