

## Practicing fellowship as the Body of Christ

By Jane Culp

**F**ellowship: What a wonderful way to start the New Year! But what does it mean?

In Acts 2:42, after the church was established in Jerusalem, "...they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayers."

I am not surprised that the early church devoted itself to the first, third and last practice. How else, aside from the Holy Spirit, can we maintain our relationship with God and affect spiritual growth? These actions are essential to the Christian life and are evident throughout the New Testament.

But Luke tells us that these early Christians were steadfast in fellowship as well. They just didn't have fellowship; they devoted themselves to it. This means that fellowship was a priority and one of the objectives for gathering together. They made fellowship a priority, and this year at Christ Church, we will too.

Today, however, we often view fellowship as what we do in the "Fellowship Hall." It's the place where we have casual conversations over coffee and donuts. You may be thinking, "My view of fellowship is much richer and deeper than mere social activity. True fellowship involves getting together for spiritual purposes: for sharing needs, for prayer, for discussing and sharing the Word to encourage, comfort, and edify one another." And you are right.

Fellowship does not mean purely social activity. Fellowship is a spiritual activity, as well. And, without fellowship in all our endeavors here, we will run out of spiritual fervor and dedication in a short time. We cannot forget the initial reason why we gather

together in the first place. Every gathering of choir, committee, vestry and commission should incorporate spiritual fellowship into their time spent together.

So how do we do it?

I think sometimes we are so busy getting done the "business" of the church that we forget to daily nurture our souls and encourage the Holy Spirit within us. So, opening with prayer or individual reflection is a great way to start. Perhaps pausing every 15 minutes or so for a moment of silence, to keep us on track. Of course, we always encourage food! We have seen so many examples of Christ eating with people as genuine evidence of His involvement in community. Today, even a simple pot of coffee can be the greatest gesture of comfort and caring.



Instead of always having our meetings at the church, the effortless act of moving a committee's "regular business meeting" into a member's home is a significant fellowship offering. What greater act of hospitality is there than opening your home? To some, this may seem too vulnerable, but I know it is appreciated.

No man is an island. None of us has the ability to go it alone. We need communion and companionship of one another. Spiritual fellowship binds us with others and to God. We should be able to discover and share our gifts with each other.

So let's pull together. Let us practice fellowship as naturally as did those on the day of Pentecost so the wisdom of God might be made known through this church, the body of Christ. "We ought therefore to show hospitality to such people so that we may work together for the truth." (3 John 8).

THE YEAR OF FELLOWSHIP:  
Building Community with Open Hearts

# FROM THE ASSISTANT RECTOR

## Living with Common Mission

In the midst of the search for a new name for the Undercroft, I found myself leafing through a dictionary in search of the meaning of the word, “fellow.” Did you really need to be a man to be a fellow, I wondered? And indeed, there were some male connotations to it, but those definitions were actually secondary to a whole string of meanings focused on something much deeper: that of working together for a shared purpose.

In the church, we often call that shared purpose our mission. It is what binds us together more closely than simple affection, shared interests or common background ever could. It is a goal, it is a vision, it is a dream of what the world might be and what we might do to make it so. And fellowship is what happens when two or three or hundreds or thousands find themselves united by that dream.

Which makes the “Year of Fellowship” (beautifully described on page 1 by Jane Culp) such a perfect fit with “Called to Common Mission,” the agreement between the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). This agreement, essentially, calls us to do exactly what it says: to find ways to dream together, and to act together toward that dream.

It is not simply a way of lightening the load and sharing resources, though that is an obvious benefit to such work. It is grounded in something much deeper: in the knowledge that when we work together, when we open up to each other, that God is there. That in the end, we are not simply bound together by our com-

mon work (as powerful a uniting force as a shared vision can be), but by God.

In that spirit, we are taking concrete steps toward just such a relationship with St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Dearborn. This Lent, we will be entering into two common activities: one of shared food and worship, and one of shared food and study (you can have fellowship without food, but you know, it’s always better with it!).

On Wednesday evenings, instead of holding a soup supper here, we will be joining St. Paul’s in their supper, followed by a sung Evening Prayer service (in Episcopal-speak, that would be an Evensong). The music, I’m told, is very lovely and sing-able, and the sermon will be a dramatic presentation of a different prophet each week. All told, the entire evening will be welcoming and engaging for children and adults, and I very much look forward to this opportunity for our two communities to come together in worship.

On Sunday afternoons, Pastor Elyse Nelson-Winger and I will facilitate an experiential book study on Marcus Borg’s *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith*. In this provocative and compelling book, Borg explores a paradigm—a vision of the purpose and character of Christianity—that is sure to prompt lively discussion. Whether you think Borg is a heretic or a great contemporary theologian, this course will provide the opportunity to deepen what Christianity means to you. Above all, it will be a journey of faith, as we pray, read scripture, speak of our faith, and wrestle with fascinating ideas together.

Oh, and we’ll be eating, too.

This, we hope, will just be the beginning. As we discover the richness that can come from sharing a common vision and working toward a common purpose, new horizons will surely open up. And in that coming together, in that opening up: God will be there.

Wishing you a blessed and holy Lent, Clare

## Lenten forums focus on interfaith relations and peace-seeking worldview

For the first two Sundays of March, our Forum will focus on an Episcopal approach to interfaith relations.

On Sunday, March 5, Daniel Appleyard will speak about some of the work he has done on interfaith relations and will review a resolution he helped draft for the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, encouraging people to learn more about the multitude of faith traditions that surround us in this life. It was developed from The Catechism from the Book of Common Prayer and the Anglican Communion’s principles for interfaith dialogue.

On Sunday, March 12, Dr. Lucinda Mosher will be our guest preacher and will discuss her experiences in interfaith circles. Dr. Mosher received her Ph.D. from the Episcopal Church’s General Theological Seminary. She lives in New York City and teaches extensively in universities, seminaries and parishes about world religions and inter-religious relations. She instructs the Worldviews Seminar (which we host with the University of Michigan-Dearborn), and is author of the recently released book *Praying, The Rituals of Faith*.

Then on March 19, we’ll offer the first of a trio of forums seeking to look beyond a worldview grounded in conflict called, “Beyond Conflict.” Thomas Trimble will invite us to examine the psychosocial factors that undergird war.

On March 26, Clare Oatney will introduce a biblical model of creative non-violence as a response to force and oppression. And on Sunday, April 2, Toc Dunlap will lead us beyond the idea of peace as the absence of war, and into ways of actually creating peace through prayer and action.

During the Vestry Retreat last month, your Vestry gave time and energy to get to know one another better, hear a report from the Common Vision Committee and do Bible study with the Stewardship Committee. We heard their plans for the coming year, set our goals for 2006, and selected Vestry leadership and commission liaisons. We worked fruitfully, deepened our relationships, and accomplished the tasks set before us.

Friday night's discussions were framed by defining Vestry responsibilities, looking at a couple of models of the life cycle of a group and talking about what would help us be successful Vestry members. During the last discussion, the need for better communication emerged – better communication to Vestry members from members of the parish about their visions and desires for our community.

In our Bible study, we explored II Corinthians 9: 6-12, looking for God's invitations and promises to us and asking what barriers in our lives keep us from being able to accept the invitation and live into the promises. Most of us agreed that barriers include fear, a scarcity mind set, not wanting to be vulnerable and our need to be in control.

We wondered aloud what life would be like if we could let go those barriers, which led us to a discussion of death and resurrection—that accepting God's invitation may lead to suffering at first, but then out of the suffering, something new, different, better emerges.

With our Mission Statement before us as a guide, we brainstormed for goals. The Common Vision Committee had suggested some goals, and we knew there was work from 2005 that we hadn't finished. With these in mind we began a process of defining whether the ideas were goals, agenda items, or commission responsibilities and then narrowing those identified as goals to at least five. We came up with six that are listed in no particular priority:

1. Increase participation by deepening our commitment to God and God's church, discerning and identifying gifts of our members, intentionally inviting members to use their gifts, and implementing the Guide that Jane Culp developed last year;
2. Complete the 2005 Mutual Ministry Review tasks and decide if we need a Review in 2006;



3. Improve two-way communication by being more accessible to members of the parish for their suggestions and ideas;
4. Implement the “Year of Fellowship” and review the Common Vision Committee's recommendations, deciding which of those we can do at this time;
5. Explore aligning the fiscal year, the pledge year, and the program year;
6. Complete the planned giving policies and procedures and review other financial policies.

Finally, we decided on the leadership and the commission liaison roles, Jamie Connelly was called to serve as our Senior Warden and Kevin Green as Junior Warden. The following will be serving as commission liaisons: Sine Cookman, Anthony Johnson, Edwina Simpson – Outreach/Service; Stephanie Mulkern – New Member Ministry/Evangelism; Sean Quaint – Christian Formation; Martha Amis – Stewardship; Ross Groover – Communication; Diana Brehob – Property; Carrie Serfass – Finance.

In and through all of our conversation was an underlying current calling us to work on changing our own mind set from scarcity to abundance, from need to openness to the assets available to us. Certainly we experienced the abundance of gifts that the 2006 Vestry holds in our time together. We also know our community of faith is filled with an abundance of gifts waiting to be encouraged and offered in the service of God through Christ Church.

## The New Member Ministry/Evangelism Committee says, “Wear your name badges.”

In an effort to encourage the use of name badges at Christ Church, the New Member Ministry/Evangelism Committee is moving the badges from their usual spot at the entrances to the church to a convenient location in the Fellowship Hall. The Committee feels that having the badges readily available during Coffee Hour, when the setting is conducive to getting to know one another, will increase their use.

In addition, instead of pre-printed name cards, they're providing a variety of reusable badge holders, blank insert cards, pens and markers and even stickers for the children so that everyone can personalize their own name tag. This way your name tag will be easier to recognize and newcomers' tags won't stand out from others.

“It may take some getting used to, and we may have to make adjustments to the process as we go, but we see this as an important step in building community in this year of fellowship,” said Diana Brehob, New Member Ministry/Evangelism Committee member.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION: LENT 2006

### Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, March 1

Noon and 7:30pm

Imposition of Ashes

### Experiencing the Heart of Christianity

Sundays, March 5-April 2,

3:00-5:00PM

Join with members of Christ Church and St. Paul's Lutheran as we explore Marcus Borg's book, *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith*. Through reflection, discussion, bible study, journaling, prayer and art, participants will move beyond simple understanding of the vision, to enter into the heartfelt faith Borg describes. Some summary material will be provided, but each of the six sessions will assume that participants have read one or two chapters before attending. If you missed the first session on February 26, please call the church office to learn how to

prepare for the second session. A dinner organized by Christ Church will follow each session at 5:00pm. The book is available at Borders or amazon.com. We believe it will be a richly rewarding experience for all involved.

### Soup Suppers at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Wednesdays, March 8-April 5,

6:15PM

Everyone is encouraged to enjoy the hospitality and fellowship offered to Christ Church during Lent this year. Located at the corner of Beech and Monroe, St. Paul's invites us to share a Lenten meal at 6:15pm and a meditative version of Evensong at 7:00pm.

### The Adult Forums

Sundays, 11:30AM-12:15PM

Mar. 5 A Christian Reason for Interfaith Relations (Daniel Appleyard)

Mar. 12 Dr. Lucinda Mosher on Interfaith Relations

Mar. 19 Beyond Conflict, Part I (Thomas Trimble)

Mar. 26 Beyond Conflict, Part II (Clare Oatney)

Apr. 2 Beyond Conflict, Part III (Toc Dunlap)

### Church School

(For ages preschool to 9)

Sundays, 11:30AM

The Heifer International Project will be the focus of learning for children in Church School during Lent. This exciting educational and fund-raising program, called Animal Crackers, features five sessions on the topics of: Hunger and the Bible, Animals, People and their Needs, Land and the Environment, and Passing on the Gift. The Project will allow students to raise money to send a heifer, sheep, goat, water buffalo, flock of chicks or other animals to a struggling family.

## CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

### Prayer Room

Sundays, 10:05AM

Worship activities for children 3-7 years.

### Journey to Adulthood

Sundays, 11:30AM-12:15PM

Coordinators: Jerry Behm & Monica McLeod.

### Rite 13

For youth ages 11-13. Contacts: Erika Morrison, 313.791.2709 and John Porter, 313.354.3169.

### J2A

For youth ages 14-16. Contacts: Susan Gregg and Dale Taylor, 313.277.1975.

## 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 welcome.

## MEETINGS

### St. Martha's Guild

Tuesday, March 14, 12:00PM

Ruth West and Olga Kozlowski host this month's meeting and lead the discussion about the book, *God is a Good Friend to Have*, compiled by Eric Marshall and Stuart Hample. Bring a sandwich and we'll provide dessert and beverages.

### Not Necessarily Religious Book Discussion Group

The Book Group will forego their regular meeting this month to participate in the Sunday afternoon discussions of Marcus Borg's book, *The Heart of Christianity*. At the time of printing Kevin Green had one copy

of the book available for purchase at \$10.19. Call him at 313.792.9839 if you're interested in purchasing it.

### Teacher Training

Saturday, March 11, 9AM-1PM

(See Briefly column on page 6 for details on this required class for teachers at Christ Church.)

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

### Trinity Soup Kitchen

Saturday, March 4, 8:30AM-3:00PM

Join us as we prepare and serve lunch for the homeless and hungry at Trinity Church. Volunteers who want to prepare food should meet in Christ Church's parking lot at 8:30am to car pool or meet at Trinity Church by 9:00am. To serve food, be at Trinity Church by 11:30am. We'll finish serving at 1:30pm and complete clean-up by 2:00pm. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or across from the church office. Any questions, call Susan Ward at 313.791.0483.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1 Ash Wednesday</b> 12:00 HE, ashes 6:30 Martial Arts 7:00 Journey of Faith 7:00 Cycling Group 7:30 HE, ashes	<b>2</b> 11:30 AA	<b>3</b> 1:00-2:30 Take-A-Break	<b>4</b> 8:30-3:00 Trinity Soup Kitchen 12:00-1:30 AA 4:30 Journey of Faith
<b>5</b> 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Children's Choir 10:05 Prayer Room 11:30 Church School, Rite 13, J2A, Forum 3:00 Lenten Study 4:30 Martial Arts	<b>6</b> 7:00 Scout Leaders 8:00 AA	<b>7</b> 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE & Healing 6:30 Energy Healing 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>8</b> 6:15 St. Paul's Soup Supper 6:30 Martial Arts 7:00 Property Meet 7:30 AA	<b>9</b> 11:30 AA 6:00 ETS Students 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Choir	<b>10</b> 1:00-2:30 Take-A-Break	<b>11</b> 9:00 Exploring Spiritual Journey 12:00-1:30 AA 4:30 Journey of Faith
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**ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 7:30PM**

Lector/L.E.M. M Farquharson, R Groover, B Hall  
 Readings:  
 Joel 2:1-2,12-17; Psalm 103; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10;  
 Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

**WEEK OF MARCH 5**

Acolytes TBD  
 Ushers (8am) K Goss  
 (10am) Team 5 – Brim, Mills, Searles  
 Lector/L.E.M. (8am) M Farquharson  
 (10am) B Hofmann, M Amis, D Cardwell  
 Altar Guild L Coghill, C Goss, B Caldwell  
 LEVs A Johnson, J Anderson  
 VPOD S Mulkern, D Brehob  
 Sunday Readings: The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent  
 Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:3-9;  
 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-13

**WEEK OF MARCH 12**

Acolytes TBD  
 Ushers (8am) D Baker Sr  
 (10am) Team 1 – Baker, Garris  
 Lector/L.E.M. (8am) M A Zawada  
 (10am) Youth, D Brehob, R Groover  
 Altar Guild K Hipp, D Hipp, L Pedler  
 LEVs B Hall, S Mulkern  
 VPOD S Cookman, J Connelly  
 Sunday Readings: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 16:5-11;  
 Romans 8:31-39; Mark 8:31-38

**WEEK OF MARCH 19**

Acolytes TBD  
 Ushers (8am) L Crane  
 (10am) Team 2 – Ludwig, Sallman, D Leduc  
 Lector/L.E.M. 8am) E Simpson  
 (10am) K Green, B Hall, M Sallman  
 Altar Guild E Boyar, K Green, A Green  
 LEVs S Quaint, J Anderson  
 M Pellegrino, M Shelton  
 A Johnson, M Amis  
 VPOD  
 Sunday Readings: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
 Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:7-14;  
 Romans 7:13-25; John 2:13-22

**WEEK OF MARCH 26**

Acolytes TBD  
 Ushers (8am) G Ebling  
 (10am) Team 3 – M Piernick, Prokoff, Kedzo  
 L Leduc, D Young  
 Lector/L.E.M. (8am) K Green  
 (10am) D Petts, A Johnson, E Simpson  
 Altar Guild C Goss, G Morrison, I Behm  
 LEVs C Goss, B Hall  
 VPOD C Serfass, E Simpson  
 Sunday Readings: The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
 2 Chronicles 36:14-23; Psalm 122;  
 Ephesians 2:4-10; John 6:4-15

# CONGREGATION 2 CONGREGATION

## *Journey of Faith Church*

*By Mark Jenkins*

One of the most common things I encounter, when people hear that we are selling our building, is an expression of sympathy; a well-intentioned facial expression that says, "Oh, I'm so very, very sorry for you all." Such reactions leave me somewhat bemused because, as far as I can tell, getting out of our building and into a new place has been one of the most freeing things that we have experienced in a long, long time.

Liturgical scholars often say, if your architecture and your theology are in conflict, the architecture will always win. For years at old St. David's, we had been struggling with our building and it was true: the architecture was winning. Buildings are supposed to serve the congregation. But, like many small churches, we were rapidly becoming a congregation serving the building. That borders dangerously on idolatry. So we decided to try something else: we decided to give up and let the building win – to walk away from it so that we could find new ways of doing what we have felt God calling us to.

Of course, we couldn't do this if there weren't wonderfully gracious places like Christ Church willing to welcome us into your facility. But even more exciting is the growing sense that our two communities might work alongside one another to accomplish a common vision. We at Journey of Faith believe that what is needed in our time is true congregational transformation in which our worship and lives reflect the world and life as new generations know it. Equally so must our ministries of Justice and Peace increasingly reflect the life experience and priorities of a new generation as they strive to make sense of a new, post-modern world view. And lest we forget, for a generation seeking authentic spiritual experience, partnerships among other faith traditions are not optional but essential. These values, we believe are shared among the membership of our two congregations.

I hope that you will visit us on Saturday evenings at 4:30 in Room 213. We're still getting our act together and we can use all the input we can get. We look forward to getting to know Christ Church better and to working together in the future!

# BRIEFLY

## **Martial Arts Classes Begin This Month**

The Martial Arts School at Christ Church opens March 1 to teach the young and not-so-young the martial art of ShitoKan. Michael Mroczyk, a ShitoKan 4th degree black belt, will teach. Designed to address the body as a temple of spiritual life, ShitoKan will enliven and harness all your faculties in the pursuit of spiritual growth and in acquiring poise and serenity. Adult classes (12 years and up) are \$40 per month and will be held on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm and Sundays from 4:30-6pm. If there is interest, classes for children aged 6 to 11 years will be offered once a week on Sundays from 3:30 to 4:30pm. No fee will be assessed for this class, though a donation to the church will be accepted. Any questions, call Michael Mroczyk or Martha Amis at 313.724.8845.

## **Bookmark Contest for Summer Reading Program**

Where will books take you this summer? Your Christ Church library has just reached 6,000 books! We are celebrating with a summer reading adventure that will track our readers' journeys around the world. Help us get ready for the celebration with a bookmark contest. The winning bookmark will be ready for all at the Summer Reading Adventure kickoff on Sunday, June 4. Pick up your entry blank starting March 1 in the library.

## **Teacher Training Offered by Diocese**

Calling all teachers for an important, interesting, fun, and required training course offered by the Diocese. "Safeguarding God's Children" is being held at St. John's in Plymouth on March 11 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. We need strong participation by our teachers to make it fun and fulfill this important commitment to our parish children. Register with Mary Lou Kleitch at 313.833.4419 or [mlkleitch@edomi.org](mailto:mlkleitch@edomi.org). There is a \$10 donation to defray material costs. If you have other questions or want to carpool, call Prayer Room Co-coordinator, Amy Mills, at 313.441.6354 or e-mail her at [amy\\_e\\_mills@wideopenwest.com](mailto:amy_e_mills@wideopenwest.com).

## **Must-Reading for all Parishioners**

Herb Gunn, editor of *The Record*, asks that everyone make a special effort to read the March issue – a 20-page issue that reports on the struggle of the Detroit churches, how energy costs are impacting our churches and ministries, that Summer Camp is returning for the youth of the Diocese of Michigan, the arrival of a new Director of Stewardship and Planned Giving, and many other features. You'll also read about Daniel's candidacy for bishop in the Diocese of Eastern Michigan. Don't miss a word.

## **Walk for One to Benefit NCCJ**

If you'd like to help coordinate locally the Walk as One fund-raising event to benefit The National Conference for Community and Justice on Saturday, May 20, call Daniel or the church office.

# ETCETERA

## PASSAGES

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3/03 Georgia Cotter, Chad Sitarski,  
Julia Vokac
- 3/05 Claus Joens, Ben Kedzo,  
Gerald Trimble
- 3/06 Thomas Trimble
- 3/07 Peter Oatney
- 3/08 Robert Cooper, Lynn Kenney,  
Herbert Wyngard
- 3/09 Caroline Kurth
- 3/10 Anne Niparko,  
Michael Oatney
- 3/11 Karen Kaven
- 3/12 James Connelly,  
Katherine  
Youngheim
- 3/13 Andrew  
Sawicki
- 3/14 Logan  
Quaint
- 3/16 Leslie Nolan
- 3/17 Thomas  
Leduc,  
Patricia  
McKellar,  
Patricia Monteith,  
Phyllis Potter, Ruth West,  
Mary Ann Zawada
- 3/18 Matthew Chapman
- 3/20 Jeanne Martens
- 3/21 David Nichols
- 3/22 Robert Buzby
- 3/23 Douglas Booth, Abigail Mills,  
Lee Renda
- 3/25 Jean Angel, Deanne Baker,  
Randy Stahl
- 3/26 Donald Cardwell,  
Patricia Klix, James Leidel,  
Jacki Nichol
- 3/27 Claire Borg, Eleanor Dolega,  
Michelle Eifert,  
Virginia McLaughlin
- 3/28 Ruth Durbin, Elaine Kirton,  
Judith LeBlanc,  
Harold Neidigh, Peg Poceta,  
Ray Roberson
- 3/29 Judith Polcyn
- 3/31 Annie Brewer



### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/4 Paul & Lena Gray, 46 years
- 3/7 Richard & Nan Giovanni,  
7 years
- 3/28 Geoffrey & Sandy Percy,  
8 years
- 3/30 Richard & Deanne Baker,  
38 years

### DEATHS

Melissa Quaint - 2/21/06

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Stewardship is more than money. It is a journey toward cheerful sharing of God's blessings. This is reflected in Christ Church's Stewardship Statement:

*We believe that each person is traveling on a spiritual journey in relationship with God and each other. How we give is a part of that relationship. Giving of time, talent and treasure is both a responsibility and a means of expressing thanksgiving for what we have received from God. God calls us to give and modeled it in Christ's life.*

*We commit to working toward the tithe by sharing an ever-increasing percentage of our treasure to Christ Church and to sharing our gifts in thanksgiving with each other in mutual ministry, to encourage one another in our individual spiritual journeys.*

*We challenge you to join us in these commitments. Our goal is to create a dynamic community.*

Here are some ways Christ Church members are living into this vision of stewardship:

- On January 7, we provided, cooked and served meals for over 200 people at Detroit's Trinity Soup Kitchen. Volunteers gave more than 50 hours to this project.
- We also donated more than 20 blankets for Trinity Church's Homeless Program.
- Our Vestry approved donations of \$2,000 to Crossroads Soup Kitchen's new building renovation fund and \$2,000 for Creating Hope International.
- Giving more than 60 hours of time, our fellow parishioners provided, cooked and served dinner and breakfast for about 50 people at the rotating overnight homeless shelter at Christ Church Detroit on February 15 and 16.
- On Super Bowl Sunday, the youth in the Journey to Adulthood program collected more than \$400 to contribute to a charity of their choice. Many parishioners joined in this Souper Bowl of Caring.

We challenge you to join us in these commitments. Our goal is to create a dynamic community.

### Lenten Reflections

Don't forget to get your copy of *Lenten Reflections 2006* – a booklet of daily reflections written by your fellow parishioners for use during Lent. Copies will be available at both services on Ash Wednesday and in the church office.

### A great send-off

Way to go, Christ Church. Because of your generous donations, Margaret Haas received a check from us in the amount of \$1,870. And, we will continue to forward to her any late donations that may come in.

## FINANCIAL CORNER

Income & Expenses as of January 31, 2006

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<b>Income (Pledges &amp; Offerings)</b>	\$30,407	\$30,988
<b>Other</b>	\$1,534	\$900
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	\$31,941	\$31,888
<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>	\$37,230	\$38,614
<b>Surplus / Deficit</b>	\$( 5,289)	\$(6,726)

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## Music Notes by Sean Jackman

### Summer Arts Programs

The music program at Christ Church will once again offer Summer Arts Camp, June 26-30. It will be an all-day program with a field trip on Friday.

We will be offering music, art, dance, recreational activities and lunches. There are also plans for a few more events during the camp. More information will be available in the weeks to come.

We will extend a special invitation to the young people of St. Paul's Lutheran Church this year. Hopefully many of them will decide to join us. St. Paul's is offering a Music Theatre Day Camp during the week of June 19-23. They will be advertising our Summer Arts Camp at their church. Consider signing up for both. Please see me or Tess for more information about Summer Arts Camp or Music



Theatre Day Camp at St. Paul's. You may also contact St. Paul's directly at 313.561.0168.

### World Sabbath Service

Thank you to everyone who made possible the choir's participation in the World Sabbath service at Christ Church Cranbrook. I believe we received as much from participating as we offered in the service. It truly was eye-opening to see the variety of faiths and their artistic expression represented at this service.

Thank you for your continued comments and support.

Yours in Music Ministry,  
Sean Jackman and Tess Dowgiallo

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