

the Courier

THE NEWSLETTER OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

From the Assistant Rector

I'm writing this at the beginning of August. We are already thinking of the coming of autumn, of how it's just around the corner—like it or not. Stores boast fall clothing and school supplies.

I remember what this time of year was like when I was a child, and particularly when I was an adolescent. I usually got at least one new outfit for school—a dress or a skirt and blouse—along with a new pair of shoes, penny loafers or saddle shoes, depending on the fashion.

As teenagers, my girlfriend and I would take the bus into downtown Rochester, New York, and shop for school supplies. Choices galore! How would it work best for me in the coming year? How should I strategize my study habits? Should I buy one large notebook with fillers and notebook paper? Or should I buy a separate spiral-bound notebook for each subject? Which color bottled ink should I choose for my fountain pen this year? Blue-Black? Royal Blue? Perhaps Peacock Blue again? And should I splurge for a pencil box—the ultimate organizer? It was all about choices—and about making just the right choice.

And so it is today. I still revel in the array of choices presented by office supply stores and shoe stores, but there are more serious choices to be made. How should I spend my time, my energy? What am I willing to give up to make time for prayer and meditation on Scripture? How do I respond to the demands made upon me by my conscience, by my values? Do I put my money where my mouth is? Am I willing to take the risks that would lead people to believe that I take my faith seriously?

Somewhere in the midst of all of these choices—of all of the conflicting and competing options that face me—God is present, bidding me, calling me, inviting me to choose those things that witness to the kingdom of God. The quality of my response—my choice—depends on my willingness to sit still long enough to hear and see where God is leading me.

That process of looking and listening for God at work in our lives is called discernment. We are all called to do the work of discernment. It is a never-

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Christian Kids and Money Conference September 25

Have you ever wondered how to convey the difference between needs and wants to your children? Have you mastered the logistics of allowance: the why, when, and how? Have you tried applying these concepts to what you and your children hear at church? If you have wrestled with any of the above, help is on the way!

Davis Fisher will present a dynamic workshop entitled **CHRISTIAN KIDS AND MONEY: THE CHALLENGES OF REARING CHILDREN IN A MONEY-FOCUSED CULTURE**. "This workshop is for everyone who interacts with young people (not just parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, but anyone that knows any young people), states Kevin Goss, co-chair of the Stewardship Committee which is sponsoring this presentation. Not only will Mr. Fisher lead the conference, he will also be the guest preacher Sunday, September 26th and lead the Adult Forum.

The nationally recognized speaker, Davis Fisher, provides a unique perspective by melding his background as an ordained Episcopal clergyman with that of the business world. His business career spans fourteen years in banking and trust management, twelve years in sales and training, and the most recent years in money research, presentations and consulting. In 1998 he founded MoneyTree Consulting.

In addition to his unique experiences as banker, clergyman, and sales trainer, Davis derives his "money insights" from several other sources as well, including extensive interviews with individuals ranging from multi-millionaires to people of poverty, his personal meeting with Mother Teresa, and his work among the poor in Haiti, Kenya, Ethiopia, India, and the Rwandan border.

The workshop will be held at Christ Church Dearborn September 25 from 9am until 3pm, with registration beginning at 8:30am. Encouraging as many people to attend as possible, Dan Appleyard promises, "This will be a time of fellowship and reflection on our lives and our children's lives." Lunch will be served. A fee of \$10 is set to help defray expenses. Please call the church office to pre-register for this special workshop.

The Stewardship Committee and the Christian Education Commission have approved this message.



Annual Picnic

See back of this newsletter for details!

Preview:
Reserve September 12th .

From the Assistant Rector

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ending process. And it just may be the most important adventure of our lives as Christians. Abraham engaged in this work when God called him to leave his home and go someplace else. Not knowing where God would lead him, he nevertheless went. Moses entered the work of discernment as he stood before the burning bush and encountered the God who called him to a ministry of leadership. He argued with God over it, denied that he was up to it; but in the end he trusted that God would be with him. The prophets all encountered God and discerned that God had laid hands upon them, giving them messages for the people of God. It was a hard life, that of a prophet, and some of them longed to put the work down. But they could not and would not. Jesus himself did the work of discernment. Early in his ministry he entered the wilderness to pray, to test his vocation. Throughout his ministry—even on the cross—he returned to prayer to seek an understanding of what God was doing in and through him. The apostles who took up Jesus' ministry discerned in the resurrection their own call to go out into the world and extend Jesus' works to all people.

By our baptism, we are engaged in this very same work: that of listening to God, hearing God's invitation to us as individuals and as community, and then deciding what we will do about it and how we will choose to respond. As we begin this new year at Christ Church, may everything we do and say, and may our work and ministry grow out of our prayerful response to the leading of God in our lives.

-Margaret

IN OUR MAIL BOX

THANK YOU

"Many thanks to all who supported me during David's final days and at his death. The outpouring of cards, prayers, and acts of kindness from the loving community of Christ Church has sustained and strengthened my faith."
Barbara Hall

ALTERNATIVES FOR SIMPLE LIVING

"Thanks for your support! With your help we are able to reach countless people with the message of simple, responsible living."

COVENANT HOUSE

"Thank you so much for your generous \$500 gift. Thousands of young people will find their way to Covenant House Michigan this summer, and without support from friends like you we simply couldn't help them all. ... Because of friends like you, they will be able to look back at the summer of 2004 some day and remember it as the summer they found Covenant House and were given a chance to turn their lives around. God bless you for giving these young people that special gift."--*Sister Tricia Cruise*

COALITION ON TEMPORARY SHELTER (COTS)

"My dear friends at Christ Episcopal Church -- Thank you all so very very much. I pray God's richest blessings upon each of you. COTS exist to help homeless people help themselves. Your gift of \$500 helps us offer job counseling and placement, child care services, parenting classes, adult literacy programs and many other support services. Our mission is to break the cycle of homelessness by providing our shelter guests with life management skills that enable them to become self-sufficient and independent. We are truly grateful for your support in this effort." --Cheryl P. Johnson

DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS

"We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for your recent gift of \$500 to Doctors Without Borders. Your generous support allows us to provide direct medical care to vulnerable populations, and to speak out about the conditions that are endangering their health and well-being."--*Nicolas de Torrente*

CREATING HOPE INTERNATIONAL

"Thank you so much for your donation of \$1,500 and your continuing support for Creating Hope International. Your contribution will help us to bring education, health care, peace, and dignity to hundreds of thousands of women and children around the world. The financial and in-kind support of Christ Episcopal Church for the work of Creating Hope International has helped us extend our work to reach even more people in need every year. We deeply appreciate your contributions, which have been so critical to the growth of our work, and we are grateful for your generosity."--*Toc Dunlap and Sakena Yacoobi*

BRIEFLY

TUTORS WANTED

The after school tutoring program at St. Clements, Inkster will start again on Tuesday September 28th . We are looking for people to tutor elementary school children at St.Clement's Church for one hour each week. We meet on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. You don't have to be a teacher, you just need to want to help children with their homework. Call Mary Donegan-Ritter at 313.359.2296 with any questions.

4 YEAR OLDS WELCOME!

Chapel Day Preschool still has openings for 4 year-olds for the 2004-2005 school year. They provide a Christian envi-

ronment in which children can develop social, emotional and cognitive skills. Please contact Chapel Day for enrollment info at 313.438.2833.

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

Our own Sharon Smith, Hospice Care Coordinator will facilitate "A Journey through Grief," a series for those who have lost a loved one through death in the last year. The series offers information and support to understand and live with grief. They will be held on the 1st and 3rd Friday of September through December at Chris Church Dearborn, meeting from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Sharon has 8 years experience facilitating classes at Howe Peterson. Call Needra, Hospice of Michigan at: 313.291.9700 to register.

And the Beat Goes On...

While it may be difficult to imagine music here without a Director of Music, fall is fast approaching, and the show must go on! Thanks to our dedicated Parish Choir and Hand Bell Choir, our church will continue to make a joyful noise unto the Lord in the coming months.

The Adult Choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday nights at 7:30 beginning September 9. Special thanks to our organist, Jung Yoo who has agreed to warm up the group and lead it through an hour of practice in preparation for Sunday Services. The Hand Bell Choir will resume practicing on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm on September 15. A leader will be selected as soon as the season gets underway. In addition to our own musicians and vocalists, we are inviting guest instrumentalists to join us on September 12 and 19.



In the meantime, the search for a new Director of Music continues. We have posted the opening on the American Guild of Organists' Website, and have received 21 replies from interested musicians. We will continue accepting applications until the end of August,

then, in early September, the rector will narrow down the number of applicants to be interviewed. Our goal is to have the position filled by early October.

Thank you to all members of our parish who are engaged in any sort of musical ministry for continuing your excellent work and commitment. The entire congregation truly appreciates your efforts.

Children's Choir-Let's be Creative

Children's Choir at Christ Church will begin at 9 am in the upstairs classroom on September 19th! I hope that you have had a restful and fun summer. Last year was a successful one and I look forward to welcoming everyone back (with a friend). As always, new members are welcome! This group is open to any child or young person - K through junior high. We practice every week and sing approximately once a month in church.

Our first rehearsal will involve an outing on Sunday afternoon. I am open to suggestions. Last year at various times we attended an IMAX film and went bowling. I will publicize any activities we decide on in the Communicator early in September. While you are dreaming up activities for the group, keep in mind: we need a new name! Please help!

I will publish a schedule of our rehearsals and times in church for the first practice. If you have any questions, please contact me 313.562.0136 or seanmjackman@hotmail.com See you on the 19th!

Yours in singing, Sean Jackman

Energized J2A already at work

The Journey to Adulthood program is energized for another wonderful year. This fall, we will be running two Rite-13 groups for youth ages 11-13. The first group, lead by Susan Gregg and Dale Taylor, will be entering their second year of the curriculum. Erika Morrison and Curt Ritter will guide a second group as they begin the program.

We would like to thank everyone who helped during Homecoming Weekend. The group raised \$1,875.26 from this year's parking donations. The donations are designated to partially fund the Pilgrimage component of the J2A curriculum. --Monica McLeod

VESTRY REFLECTION

By Julia Garris

In clearing out my "Church" three-ring binder, I came across a copy of an article on "Ministry", (author unknown). Instead of tossing it, I reread it, and Christ Church came immediately to mind.

"Ministry ought to be like barn-raising. The community of farmers from around the countryside gathers at a farm where the new barn is to be built. They build the frame, carefully measuring each piece of wood, sawing, and nailing it all together while the frame still rests on the ground. Then ropes are attached, and all farmers, pulling together, raise the barn. However strong or expert in the fine art of barn building a particular farmer might be, it would be impossible for him, by himself, to raise the barn. It couldn't be done. But a group of farmers, pulling together, are strong enough to raise the sturdy structure. In any group of farmers there will be a variety of talents. Some will have steady eyes for measuring; others will be proficient in carpentry. Children can drive nails. One farmer might shingle a roof better than another; another might be able to make strong doors and a secure loft. There will be others who bring in the lemonade during the day and provide a bountiful banquet at the end of it to celebrate the raising of one more barn.

Ministry at its best is like this: **All** the farmers with **all** their gifts together build the barn - the **Body of Christ.**"

We have a very diverse membership at Christ Church by ways of income, age and talents. The future of Christ Church and its ministry depends on all of us. Our ministry of serving God and doing His work helps us all to relieve some of pain surrounding us and perhaps within ourselves.

JOIN US

TRINITY SOUP KITCHEN

SATURDAY, SEPT. 4, 8:30AM-3:00PM
Help us prepare and serve lunch for the hungry and homeless at Trinity Episcopal Church in Detroit. Meet in the church parking lot at 8:30am to car pool. Sign-up on the Education bulletin board.

PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC

Sunday, September 12, 11:30AM
Potluck sponsored by Church School and Evangelism leaders to kick off the 2004-05 Christian Formation and Church School programs. See the back page of this publication for specifics!

TEACHER & ACOLYTE INSTALLATION

Sunday, September 19, 10:00AM
Induction of Prayer Room and Church School teachers, as well as appreciation and installation of acolytes.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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

THE FORUM

Sundays, 11:30AM-12:15PM
9/19 Women in Ministry
9/26 Christian Kids and Money: The Challenges of Rearing Children in a Money-Focused Culture--Continuing the conversation from the Saturday, September 25 workshop of the same name. Davis Fisher, facilitator.

"NOT NECESSARILY RELIGIOUS"

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Wednesday, Sept. 22, 7:00PM
Discussing Yann Martel's *The Life of Pi*. Group contact: Bill and Peg Poceta, 313-561-2975.

EXPLORING DISCIPLESHIP

Sundays, Sept. 12 & 26, 4-6PM
Sunday afternoon discussions will provide in-depth analysis on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. The group will meet twice a month from September to Lent 2005, for a total of approximately 10 meetings. Group contacts are Margaret Haas and Martha Amis.

FOYER GROUP STARTUP!

Come one, come all, to the Foyer Group Potluck on September 18. It's time to throw everyone's name in a hat and create new foyer groups and what better way to do this than have a party! On September 18, from 6:00 to 9:00, we will have a Potluck at the church and create new foyer groups. A foyer group is a group of 6-8 people who meet every few months at one person's house for a meal (potluck) and conversation. It's a great way to meet your church family. If you are interested in the party on September 18, please sign up in the undercroft and bring a dish to pass. If you can't make the party, but wish to be added to a foyer group, please contact Margaret Green by phone (313-792-9839) or email (mlane-green@aol.com). Hope to see you all there!

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

PRAYER ROOM

Sundays, 10:00AM
Beginning September 19. Worship activities for children 3-7 years.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Sundays, 11:30AM
Beginning September 19. 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 10-13 will be forming this fall. Call Susan Gregg or Dale Taylor at 277.1975 for more information on Group 1 which enters their 2nd year. Group 2 will be led by Erika Morrison 791.2709 and Curt Ritter 259.2296.

MEETINGS

Altar Guild

Monday, Sept. 8, 7:00PM
Annual meeting for current members and those who want to become one. Will review current items and plan for the year ahead.

ST. MARTHA'S GUILD

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 12:00PM
Start a new season of meetings by sharing your summer activities. Bring a sandwich; dessert and beverages will be provided. Any questions, call Jo Reiner 562.2363 or Luceil Pedler 563.1843.

MUSIC MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Beginning Sept. 19, Sundays, 9am
Choir for elementary school-aged children. Meets in Rm 213. (See page 3 for more details.)

HANDBELL CHOIR

Beginning Sept. 15, Wednesdays, 6:30PM

ADULT CHOIR

Beginning Sept. 9, Thursdays, 7:30PM (Childcare available)

LOOKING AHEAD

GUEST PREACHER

Sunday, September 12, 2004
A professional clown before his ordination to the Episcopal priesthood in 1966, David Fly has served in urban, suburban, rural, and Campus Ministries throughout the Midwest. Since his retirement in 1998 as Rector of Grace Church, Kirkwood, Missouri. He has led conferences on the Spiritual Journey throughout the country. He and his wife Adrienne are currently on the teaching staff of the Episcopal Church Pension Fund's planning for Tomorrow Conferences, which aid clergy and their spouses in planning for retirement. His Memoir, *Faces of Faith-Reflections in the Rearview Mirror*, was published this spring.

The former Bishop of Missouri, The Rt. Rev. Hays Rockwell, says of David Fly, "He is fluent in the language of the lighthearted. He knows, as far too few in his calling know, that you can be serious without being solemn. He connects with us in a rich, entertaining and humorous way that points to joy which lifts our hearts and spirits. David knows well, as Peter Berger said, about the 'comic relief of redemption' and he is fluent in its vocabulary.

Dan Appleyard served as a curate during his first years of ministry when David was the Rector of Grace Church in Kirkwood. "He was one of my mentors during my early years after ordination," states Dan.

CROP WALK 2004

Sunday, October 3, 2:00PM
2003 Dearborn/Dearborn Heights CROP Walk for Church World Service begins at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. For information, call St. Paul's American Lutheran Church at 313.561.0168 or Lynn Grunst at 313.277.3156.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 8:30-3:00 Trinity Soup Kitchen 10:00 Baptism Prep 12:00-1:30 AA
5 8:00 & 10:00 HE & Baptism 10:00 Prayer Room 11:15 Lemonade on the Lawn	6 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 AA	7 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE & Healing 6:30 Energy Healing	8 9:00-12:00 Art Class 7:00 Property Meet 7:30 AA	9 7:30 Choir	10	11 12:00-1:30 AA
12 8:00 & 10:00 HE 10:00 Prayer Room 11:30 Potluck Picnic 4:00 Discipleship Gp	13 10:00 Senior Exercise 7:00 Altar Guild Meet 8:00 AA	14 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE 12:00 St. Martha's 6:30 Energy Healing 7:00 Boy Scouts	15 9:00-12:00 Art Class 1:00 Library Meet 6:30 Handbells 7:30 AA	16 7:30 Choir	17 6:30 Journey Through Grief	18 12:00-1:30 AA
19 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Children Choir 10:00 Prayer Room Teacher & Acolyte Installation 11:00 F Richard Interment 11:30 Church School, Rite 13, Forum 1:00 Vestry Meet	20 10:00 Senior Exercise 8:00 AA	21 7:00 Peace Vigil 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE 12:00 & 6:00 Peace Vigil 6:30 Energy Healing 7:00 Boy Scouts, Service, Finance	22 9:00-12:00 Art Class 6:30 Handbells 7:00 Book Club 7:30 AA	23 7:30 Choir	24 Davis Fisher Workshop	25 9:00-3:00 Christian Kids & Money Workshop 12:00-1:30 AA
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WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5

Acolytes
Ushers
tbd
(8am) L Crane
(10am) Team 2 –
Ludwig, Brim, Sallman, Leduc

Lector/LEM
(8am) MA Zawada
(10am) D Petts, M Amis, MA Zawada

Altar Guild
LEVs
VPOD
J Cohoe, I Behm, S McCullen
J Anderson, L Gray
J Garris

Sunday Readings: **The 14th Sunday after Pentecost**
Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1
Philemon 1-20; Luke 14:25-33

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12

Acolytes
Ushers
tbd
(8am) G Ebling
(10am) Team 3 –
Piernick, Durbin, J Groover,
Prokopp, Kedzo

Lector/LEM
(8am) M Amis
(10am) M Piernick, D Brehob, R Groover

Altar Guild
LEVs
VPOD
E Boyar, B Caldwell, L Pedler
M Pellegrino, D LeBlanc
M. Nolan

Sunday Readings: **The 15th Sunday after Pentecost**
Exodus 32:1, 7-14; Psalm 51:1-11;
1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19

Acolytes
Ushers
tbd
(8am) T Foster
(10am) Team 4 –
D & M Hipp, Matthews, Oatney, Quaint

Lector/LEM.
(8am) D Brehob
(10am) B Simpson, B Hall, A Johnson

Altar Guild
LEVs
VPOD
E Cognill, L Renda, J Oelkers
L Gray, S Quaint
T Trimble

Sunday Readings: **The 16th Sunday after Pentecost**
Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 138;
1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26

Acolytes
Ushers
tbd
(8am) R Peterson
(10am) Team 1 –
R Baker, KB Matthews, C Groover, Garris

Lector/LEM.
(8am) R Groover
(10am) M Farquharson, M Sallman,
E Simpson

Altar Guild
LEVs
VPOD
C Goss, L Conklin, I Behm
A Johnson, M Pellegrino
J Culp

Sunday Readings: **The 17th Sunday after Pentecost**
Amos 6:1-7; Psalm 146:4-9;
1 Timothy 6:11-19; Luke 16:19-31

Human Dignity Takes Root in Kabul Amidst Uncertainty

It is July in Kabul. The influx of foreigners has driven prices even higher than when I was here just 9 months ago and housing is scarce. The drought continues. The air and everything else is filled with dust. Night has fallen and as I and others walk from our simple meal to our rooms in a local guesthouse, we hear explosions. Two rockets, fired at random from the outskirts of Kabul, have landed. All night, helicopters fly low over the city and my room in parallel patterns. Huge planes fly above them. They exemplify the deterioration of security in Afghanistan during the last few months. Foreigners and Afghans work-

ing for foreign organizations are especially targeted by the anti-U.S. militants.

As bleak as the situation may appear, it is no deterrent to those courageous, tenacious Afghans who want to rebuild their lives rise from the ashes.

The Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL) is leading the

way. AIL works with the neediest women and children in villages and with the displaced poor in Herat and Kabul. The AIL trainers, all women, venture out each day to train teachers--both men and women--and teach them to organize their classrooms, to sympathetically work with children who have known only war and displacement since they were born, to teach in new and innovative ways and to create teaching aids out of whatever meager materials are available. The Afghan teachers who have received the training eagerly embrace this breath of fresh air.

"All of the teachers in Afghanistan should have this seminar. If they had this seminar, Afghanistan would become like a garden of blooming flowers." Herat Teacher

Schools have opened, but so many children are too old, too far behind, or so poor they must work and cannot attend school. AIL has not forgotten them. Sitting on the floor with their hands raised and their eyes bright, the young teenage boys are studying, when just two years ago they were carrying guns, living in caves, or working in the carpet sweat shops in Pakistan. Teenage girls and married women, ranging in age from 13 to 65, sit together and learn to read and write. Later, they learn to sew so that they can provide clothes for their families. All study at their own pace in Fast Track classes. Many have completed three years or more in just 12 months. Some have mainstreamed into the local schools with children their own age. All aspire to learn more.

Many have joined the English and computer classes offered by AIL in each of its Women's Learning Centers. Others have elected to learn the ancient Afghan arts of calligraphy or carpet weaving.

For those who work or want their young children to have opportunities denied to them, there is AIL's acclaimed pre-school program, where the children study a wide variety of subjects--Dari, English, math, drawing, handicrafts, colors, health lessons, letters, and numbers. Children have gymnastics classes and listen to interesting stories which challenge their minds and promote critical thinking skills. They learn to respect their parents, neighbors, and elders and to treat other children with kindness. They also learn and perform Afghan songs, dances, poems, and short skits and have performed in many local and national events. The children love to do these performances, which build their self-esteem as well as their knowledge of their heritage and culture.

Little by little, Afghanistan is reviving--more trees, more vineyards, more homes, more children learning, more children living--and AIL is leading the way....As one Afghan woman who came to AIL said:

The existence of AIL's programs is like drops of water for thirsty people, like medicine for the blind.

--Toc Dunlap



Clinic Opening Ceremony in Mir Bacha Kot: AIL Pre-school students performs a role play of a mother visiting the clinic with her sick baby

BLOOD DRIVE FOLLOW-UP

Thank you to the many who donated blood and to the additional who tried, but for one reason or another were not actually poked. The Red Cross collected 24 pints of blood this past August 15. Hats off to Ilene Krogman and Julia Garris for their behind the scenes work to make this successful. If you missed this collection, don't worry; the next blood drive will be held in January 2005.

Stewardship is Alive and Well at Christ Church Dearborn

We are engaged in the second year of a three-year stewardship campaign "How much is enough?" Last year we examined how we as Christians live with our money. We found that giving to the Church is an expression of our faith and is a tangible way of putting our personal, God-given resources – including our money – into action.

This year we are focusing on how God works through and blesses each of us as members of this church. Our kick-off celebration held in April was successful not only in the number of people who took time to come and celebrate, but in the willingness of several members to share their experiences on how Christ Church helps make God a larger and richer part of their lives.

The Current Pledge Drive now totals \$319,183, with 80 families increasing their pledges this year and 17 new pledges. What a way to show that we are putting our personal, God-given resources into action!

The next stewardship activity will held on September 25th. Davis Fisher will present a dynamic workshop entitled "Christian Kids and Money: The Challenges of Rearing Children in a Money-Focused Culture."

It is obvious that Christ Church offers each of us a unique opportunity to grow a deeper and richer experience with God in our personal lives and our community. This experience is a blessing that we need to reflect upon as we consider stewardship for the balance of the year.

Stewardship Committee

Kevin Goss, Peter Kenney, Jack Pedler, Larry Crane, Mary Sauer-Games, and Maggie Pellegrino

FINANCIAL CORNER			
Income & Expenses as of July 31, 2004			
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Total 2004 Budget
Income (Pledges & Offerings)	\$194,592	\$202,849	\$372,761
Other	\$32,896	\$12,450	\$23,700
Total Operating Income	\$227,488	\$215,299	\$396,461
Less Operating Expenses	\$248,159	\$268,330	\$452,599
Surplus / Deficit	\$(20,671)	\$(53,031)	(\$56,138)
Carry Over Cash* Applied	\$20,671	\$53,031	\$23,262
Financial Deficit/Surplus	0	0	(\$32,876)

**We used carryover cash contributions from 2003 to balance our budget in 2004.*

LOOKING FOR ONE GOOD PERSON

In the past few months, a volunteer position has opened within the guiding committee of the Combined Episcopal Services Appeal (CESA) within the Diocese of Michigan. CESA acts as a sort of United Fund which supports many Diocesan agencies and ministries involved in caring for the less fortunate. It ensures that each ministry not only receives adequate funding support from the entire Diocese, but that those ministries are good stewards of the funds they receive. Membership on this committee will require a time commitment as each of the 21 ministries must be visited to ensure accountability. This is currently done on the second Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm. While some of the analysis may be done at home, an annual meeting is required before a recommendation may be made to the Diocese.

If you are interested in this position which will have wide-ranging effects on the mission of the Diocese, bear witness to the Love of Christ, and will be an opportunity to grow in His Grace, please call 313.833.4431. Thank you

PASSAGES

Birthdays

9-01 John Dolega
 9-02 Elizabeth Kozicz,
 Christopher Marzonia,
 Shirley Zaler, Collin Ukrainec
 9-03 Leslie Bache, Peter Nini
 9-05 Gwendolyn Logan
 9-06 George Ebling
 9-07 Andrew Kunys
 9-08 Barry Kish
 9-09 Ann Farkas
 9-10 Shirley Mooney
 9-12 Grace Audi, Gertrude Sell
 9-14 Richard Audi II, Katherine Blasier
 9-15 Al Lieberman, Monica McLeod
 9-16 John Pearce Jr, Sarge Thomas
 9-18 Georgiana Sallman
 9-19 Jonathan Gray

9-20 Robert Eifert, Richard Hamet
 9-21 Jane Culp, Daniel McKillip,
 9-22 Hannah Pierce
 9-24 Charles Groover, Alexander Joens
 9-25 Martha Amis, Stuart Waddell
 9-26 Jean Lalaeff
 9-27 Barbara Hall, Evelyn Hodges,
 Suzie Stuber
 9-28 Brian DeGiulio, Clare Oatney
 9-29 Karma Woolever
 9-30 Mary Agnes Clickner

Anniversaries

9-02 John & Eleanor Dolega, 50 years
 9-04 Ann & Elmer Farkas, 56 years
 9-11 Robert & Eunice Buzby, 56 years
 9-13 Richard & Susan Audi, 7 years
 9-14 William & Donna Behm, 36 years

9-15 Ted & Jean Oelkers, 48 years
 9-18 Danny & Lynn Borg, 5 years
 Peter & Lynn Kenney, 33 years
 Robert & Julia Vokac, 50 years
 9-20 Julie & Daniel Timmer, 1 year
 9-21 Keith & Marie Cooper, 13 years
 9-22 Al & Leah Lieberman, 3 years
 Kent & Vicki Rogers, 14 years
 9-28 Robert & Michelle Eifert, 8 years

Deaths

6-2 David Hall
 6-29 Phyllisanne Massecar
 7-1 Dorothy Somerville
 7-17 Bob Lesser
 7-31 (Sylvester) Bill Davis
 8-22 Dan Beeghly

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Annual Church School Roundup Picnic Heading Our Way

The Children's Education Commission cordially invites all students, teachers, leaders and parishioners to the annual Church School Roundup Picnic to be held on Sunday, September 12, immediately following the 10:00 service. Michele Nolan and Margaret Green have graciously offered their talents to help get this Church School year started on the right foot.

Michele has once again agreed to coordinate the activities portion of the picnic, which will include the second annual Pie Baking Contest as well as games for the kids, young and not so young. Pies will be judged by a distinguished panel of judges and prizes will be awarded. Margaret will coordinate the food using a structured potluck format and requests that attendees bring a dish according to the following allocation: A-E Salads; F-M Entrees (pre-cooked since we will not be grilling); N-R Vegetables and hors d'oeuvres (hot or cold); S-Z Desserts to complement the pies from the Contest. Chips and other light munchies will be provided.

If the spirit moves you to bring something other than what is mentioned above, go with the spirit since the most important thing for you to bring is yourself! If you have any questions, please contact Michele, Margaret or the Church Office. Hope to see you there! Kevin I. Green

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