

From the Rector

DEAR FRIENDS,

Driving around town the other day, I came across a bumper sticker proclaiming, "Think. Pray. Vote." A catchy line that, as intended, got me thinking! So, with a month to go before the first Tuesday in November, I thought that I would share with you some of my thoughts about where we seem to be as a nation and as a society facing the 2004 elections.

ON OUR DIVISIONS: First of all let me remind you that ever since Peter and Paul had opposing views about ministry to the Gentiles, there have been divisions in the thinking of the Christian church. So, I didn't expect human nature to have changed between then and now. Similarly, our parish has been living together with our differences for some time! Dynamic differences are a given, a fact of life! For decades we have known disagreement and many folk have chosen to stay in community anyway. We have even come to celebrate this ability to accept and cherish one another while knowing that we may disagree in our political, cultural and social convictions. And, we should rejoice in possessing this rare capability! Not that many Christian communities can honestly proclaim that they embrace the gift of living together as a dynamically diverse and yet wonderfully united people of God.

In fact, if you look around you, this ability to live with differing convictions is not well developed in our society. We seem to be living in a time when opposing convictions among people turn to destructive behavior and are even used by others for political gain. Civility in disagreement and debate has been exchanged for the notion of winning or losing at all costs. Instead of hearing God's call to humbly and to prayerfully discern what is best for our society, nation and our world, too often our brothers and sisters in faith claim to know exactly, "What Jesus would have done!" And those outside the Christian faith shout with equal certainty and passion.

This kind of certainty leads us to define and categorize people in ways that divide and alienate us from each other in ever growing ways.

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Parking Lot Paving Project Flattened by City

The next project to be funded from the Capital Improvement drive is the repaving of the Church parking lot and the replacement of damaged sections of sidewalk and approaches to the parking area. The project has suffered several setbacks.

The project was originally targeted to be done two years ago. The project received approval from the Vestry, and contractors were lined up. Just as the project looked like it would be getting started, it became apparent that the boiler was going to become a major project. The replacement of the boiler became the higher priority and was the first project funded from the Capital Improvement drive. Once the boiler was complete, the paving project was again at the top of the priority list.

The contractor list was revisited, vendor selection was completed, and Vestry approval was obtained again. This time contracts were signed with the vendors and tentative start dates were discussed. Unfortunately, in the intervening time, the legal environment has changed - a fact that became clear only too well when our paving contractor applied for the necessary permits for the parking lot paving.

The city rejected the application for the permits. The new laws require that the parking lot be engineered to not drain into the city sewer system. The application must now include a detailed topo-

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FUN FOR NEWCOMERS & NOT-SO NEWCOMERS

Saturday, October 23, 2004,
Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Never been to a Newcomer's Dinner? This is your chance! Even if you've been at Christ Church for some time, please join us for this chance to get to know some new people, ask questions about Christ Church, and take a guided tour of all the church's nooks and crannies. Call the church office at 565.8450 to sign up.

A separate children's meal and activity will be supervised by caregivers. So that the appropriate activities and number of caregivers can be arranged, please indicate to the church office the names and ages of your children. If your child has a food allergy, please instruct the office to make a note of it.

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We use words like liberal, moderate, conservative, progressive, fundamentalist, tolerant, true believer, bible believing Christian, extremist, traditionalist, broadminded, permissive and the list goes on. Where these words may have once been used to help us understand each other, now they are used to label and libel one another. They even give us the illusion of understanding another's beliefs. But such certainty pigeon-holes us all into ideological camps.

ON CERTAINTY VS. TRUST: As Christians, we claim to be on a journey~ a pilgrimage~ toward understanding God and God's will for us and the human family. St. Paul says, "For now, we see in the mirror dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part..." (I Cor. 13) In the face of today's clarity of conviction, I am reminded of the wisdom found in a quote from "Letter to Louise Abbott," by Flannery O'Connor, who wrote: "When we get our spiritual house in order, we'll be dead. This goes on. You arrive at enough certainty to be able to make your way, but it is making it in darkness. Don't expect faith to clear things up for you. It is trust, not certainty."

I think it is trust and not certainty that our faith in God is all about. Our common trust in Christ's grace is the bond of our faith. That faith should inform our everyday lives. And that is what unites us as Christians in a much more powerful way than the differences that separate us. So, how should we relate to other Christians and people of other faith traditions with whom we differ?

In 1995, Jim Rice wrote an article called "Getting Beyond Labels" which appeared in the March-April issue of *Sojourners* magazine. Below are some of his thoughts.

ON WHAT TO DO: "Get beyond the labels and seek to understand other points of view. Shorthand phrases such as 'conservative or liberal Christian' lump together people with a wide variety of beliefs, many of which likely resonate with our own.

"Build relationships across the polarities. It's tempting to take an 'us-them' stance, but we can't forget that all believers are joined in the body of Christ, despite political differences. We need to strengthen those bonds and build real community, instead of merely adding to the divisiveness..."

"Share the good news. We have a responsibility to our sisters and brothers in the faith-from all parts of the church-to hear their point of view and to ask what part of their message could improve our life and our faith journey..."

"Study the Bible. Examine the underlying assumptions of positions, and the sources of those assumptions. Are they cultural and national assumptions or are they biblical and theological assumptions?"

"Set up a dialogue/discussion group with people who differ from you to discuss the biblical and theological basis of your positions on various issues - transcend partisanship and narrow categories..."

"Work for Justice. We need to demonstrate that 'Christian' is a word that connotes caring for the poor, peacemaking, and affirms the oppressed.

"Pray. Without ceasing. 'Pray all the time, asking for what you need, praying in the Spirit on every possible occasion" (Ephesians 6:18)..."

"Think. Pray. Vote." Apt words for this election season. And with that thought in mind, I ask you to look at the "Prayer for Leadership," following this article, that the noted speaker on Benedictine spirituality and the Executive Director of Benetvision, Sr. Joan Chittister, wrote while reflecting on Christian living today.

Faithfully yours,
Daniel

PRAYER FOR LEADERSHIP

BY JOAN CHITTISTER

Give us, O God,
leaders whose hearts are large enough
to match the breadth of our own souls
and give us souls strong enough
to follow leaders of vision and wisdom.
In seeking a leader, let us seek
more than development for ourselves--
though development we hope for--
more than security for our own land--
though security we need--
more than satisfaction for our wants--
though many things we desire.
Give us the hearts to choose the leader
who will work with other leaders
to bring safety
to the whole world.
Give us leaders
who lead this nation to virtue
without seeking to impose our kind of virtue
on the virtue of others.
Give us a government
that provides for the advancement
of this country
without taking resources from others
to achieve it.
Give us insight enough ourselves
to choose as leaders those who can tell
strength from power,
growth from greed,
leadership from dominance,
and real greatness from the trappings of grandiosity.
We trust you, Great God,
to open our hearts to learn from those
to whom you speak in different tongues
and to respect the life and words
of those to whom you entrusted
the good of other parts of this globe.
We beg you, Great God,
give us the vision as a people
to know where global leadership truly lies,
to pursue it diligently,
to require it to protect human rights
for everyone everywhere.
We ask these things, Great God,
with minds open to your word
and hearts that trust in your eternal care.
Amen.

Parking Lot Paving Project-continued

logical map of the Church property which can be used to show the elevation of all points on the property. This can be used, among other things, to show where water will pool and drain naturally. In addition the city has asked for a drainage plan, to show where the designed water runoff will be routed. If it can be shown that the Military Road storm drains empty into the Rouge River, the installation of expensive drainage can be avoided. However, even if the Military Road storm drains empty into the river, a detention pond must be installed to allow the water to be filtered and run into the river in a somewhat controlled manner.

The next step is to hire an engineering firm to work out the details of what the city requires in order to get the building permit approved and perform the necessary design work. Firms are currently being reviewed and it is hoped that a firm can be hired in early or mid October. Once the engineering has been completed, the final scope of work to get the parking lot will be known and plans can be made from that point.

The bottom line is that the parking lot and sidewalks project is going to be considerably more expensive to complete. The original estimates were for about \$50,000 to do both the parking lot repaving and replacing damaged sidewalk sections. Add to this the cost of the engineering work, including the topographical map of the site, and any contract work needed to build the drains or detention ponds as required by the city. The contract for the paving will also need to be revisited, since the current contract calls for resurfacing the lot with essentially a flat coat of asphalt. The requirements for the drainage will certainly mean the pavement will have to slope in some way; the effect on the cost of the paving yet to be determined

Your patience with the project and your prayers for the successful completion of the project are greatly appreciated. Once more information is available, a future update will be published.

~ *George Morrison*

LOUNGE RENOVATION TAKING SHAPE AT CHRIST CHURCH

The Property Commission has authorized the purchase of three new traditional 84 inch sofas for the lounge. They will have rolled arms and dress-maker skirts with three loose cushion backs and seats which can be reversed and rotated to ensure longer wear.

The seven side chairs (with the exposed wood arms and legs), the camel back loveseat and the nine diningroom chairs will all be reupholstered. The frames will be touched up as needed. The two upholstered side chairs that currently sit in the library will be reupholstered also.

The two library wing chairs at the request of the Library Committee will not be reupholstered at this time.

This concludes a phase of the renovation of the Lounge/Library Project. Special thanks to the Quilters Guild for their generous contribution to the Property Fund which made it possible to complete this phase.

~ *Deanne F. Baker, Property Committee*

VESTRY REFLECTION

By Liz Leduc

College. That seven-letter word every senior dreams about. Like most seniors, I am always working on either homework for high school or filling out a college application or perhaps a scholarship form. I know almost precisely the field of major I want to pursue. It is just finding the right liberal arts college that is hard. The decision of where to go will be a difficult and long process. I do want to experience the college life away from home, yet it will be a struggle to leave behind all I know about Dearborn, including Christ Episcopal Church.

I was raised in this church and many people know me whether or not I know them. It is very touching when elder members of the parish or the priests congratulate me on a reading or just come up to say hello. I am very involved in this parish and it won't be easy to let go of these activities. I love teaching the young children in the Prayer Room. I have seen many of them grow before my eyes. I feel so attached to this place. This church, this community will always be a part of me wherever I go. I ask for your blessings as I proceed with my college career and I as well will keep you in my heart.

Peace,
Liz Leduc

JOIN US

CROP WALK 2004

Sunday, October 3, 2:00PM

The annual Crop Walk, which raises money for local hunger-fighting agencies as well as the international relief and development efforts of Church World Service, will be held on Sunday, October 3. The Rite 13 children will be available at Coffee Hour to pass out sign-up sheets and information if you would like to participate as a walker. The children will also be happy to sign you up as a sponsor for their participation as walkers! For more information, contact Susan Ward, 313.791.0483.

ANIMAL BLESSING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 4:00PM

Bring your pets to church next Sunday, October 3 at 4pm, for the tenth annual Blessing of the Animals given in honor of St. Francis of Assisi (known for his special love for all God's creatures, especially the animal variety). You are also invited to bring new or used collars, leashes, towels and bedding; dog and cat food; or cat litter for donation to the Humane Society.

TRINITY SOUP KITCHEN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 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.

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

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"NOT NECESSARILY RELIGIOUS"

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesday, November 17 7:30PM

The next book is longer, *Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett, so we are allowing almost two months to read it. Also, the later time of 7:30 is due to handbell rehearsal. Group contact: Bill and Peg Poceta, 313-561-2975.

EXPLORING DISCIPLESHIP

Sundays, October 10 & 24, 4-6PM

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

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 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

ST. MARTHA'S GUILD

Tuesday, October 12, 12:00PM

Haunting! Ghosts! Halloween is approaching. Helen Mamalakis from the Dearborn Museum will be our speaker. Come and join other members of St. Martha's Guild on October 12th at noon in the lounge. Dessert and beverages will be served. Hostesses for the October meeting are Angie Keller and Marian Kachadurian.

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)

LOOKING AHEAD

OCTOBER 10TH~CELEBRATE THE REVEREND CANON MEREDITH HUNT'S

12 years of service as canon to the Dean of the Cathedral, 27 years being a priest, and now her moving on to become the rector of St. John's, Sturgis, in the Diocese of Western Michigan. So much has been written about Meredith: "Woman Excited About Ordination," A Priest "who happens to be a woman," "Michigan's First Woman Priest Is a Helper, Not a Trailblazer," now another chapter begins. Proving you can go back home, she is moving to Sturgis, Michigan to become a parish priest. And of course, many Christ Church parishioners know there is a Dearborn connection in her story. The Rev. Meredith Hunt joined the clergy staff at Christ Church in February 1979. She was especially active in adult teaching and in forming an evening prayer and share group. She left at the end of the year in 1980 and gave birth to her second son in January of 1981. The Rev. Hunt will preach at all services at the Cathedral Sunday, October 10. Following the 10:30 worship service, in typical Meredith style, there will be a potluck luncheon in Barth Hall.

NATIONWIDE MUSIC TOUR PERFORMS HERE

Kulna Sawa Concert
Wednesday, November 17
7:30 p.m.

Christ Episcopal Church
Tickets: \$10 available at the door
This Concert for Peace Tour brings Kulna Sawa ("All of us together" in Arabic) a well-known music group from Damascus, Syria to America. The music group combines the distinctive sounds of Middle Eastern music with the beat and style of American music for a unique sound. Approximately 20 major U.S. cities will also be enjoying them.

The 11-member band is made up of highly accomplished young Christian and Muslim musicians from Syria. During their U.S. tour, they will be performing in both English and Arabic. Invite friends and family to hear a unique form of music and be part of an experience of bridge-building and peace-making between the Middle East and the U.S.

GOD, CREATIVITY AND DIVERSITY: A CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING

Wednesday, November 25
7:30 p.m.

The Muslim Center of Detroit
1605 Davison, Detroit
more information in the
November Courier

OCTOBER 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri 1	Sat 2
					6:30 Journey Through Grief	12:00-1:30 AA
3 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Childrens Choir 10:00 Prayer Room 11:30 Church school, Rite 13, Forum 2:00 Crop Walk 4:00 Animal Blessing 10 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Childrens Choir 10:00 Prayer Room 11:30 Church school, Rite 13, Forum 4:00 Discipleship Gp	4 10:00 Senior Exercise 8:00 AA 11 10:00 Senior Exercise 8:00 AA	5 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE & healing 6:30 Energy Healing 7:00 Boy Scouts 12 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE 12:00 St Martha's 6:30 Energy Healing 7:00 Boy Scouts	6 9:00-12:00 Art Class 6:30 Handbells 7:00 Cycling Saddlemen 7:30 AA 13 9:00-12:00 Art Class 6:30 Handbells 7:00 Property Meet 7:30 AA	7 6:30 Hospice of Michigan Memorial 7:30 Choir 14 7:30 Choir	8 15 6:30 Journey Through Grief	9 16 Fall Clean up 12:00-1:30 AA
17 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Childrens Choir 10:00 Prayer Room 11:30 Church school, Rite 13, Forum Acolyte Training 1:00 Vestry Meet 24 Jazz Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Childrens Choir 10:00 Prayer Room 11:30 Church school, Rite 13, Forum Acolyte Training 4:00 Discipleship Gp	18 10:00 Senior Exercise 8:00 AA 25 10:00 Senior Exercise 8:00 AA	19 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE 6:30 Energy Healing 7:00 Finance, Service, Scouts 26 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE 6:30 Energy Healing 7:00 Boy Scouts	20 9:00-12:00 Art Class 1:00 Library Meet 6:30 Handbells 7:30 AA 27 9:00-12:00 Art Class 6:30 Handbells 7:30 AA	21 7:30 Choir 28 7:30 Choir	22 29 6:00 Hunter: Renewal of Vows	23 12:00-1:30 AA 6:00 New Member Dinner 30 8:00 Diocesan Convention 12:00-1:30 AA 4:30 Halloween Party
31 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Childrens Choir 10:00 Prayer Room 11:30 Church school, Rite 13, Forum Acolyte Training						

**ACOLYTES
USHERS**

WEEK OF OCTOBER 3

M SWIECICKI, C KAPPAUF, L HINES
 (8:00AM) J PEDLER
 (10AM) TEAM 2 - LUDWIG, BRIM, SALLMAN,
 LEDUC

LECTOR/LEM

(8:00AM) MA ZAWADA
 (10:00AM) K GREEN, MA ZAWADA, M AMIS

ALTAR GUILD

K HIPP, J COHOE
 B HALL, M SHELTON

LEVS

R SOMERVILLE

VPOD

SUNDAY READINGS:

THE 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 HABAKKUK 1:1-6,12-13,2:1-4; PSALM 37:3-10;
 2 TIMOTHY 1:6-14; LUKE 17:5-10

**ALTAR GUILD
LEVS**

VPOD

SUNDAY READINGS:

(10AM) D PETTS, B HALL, M SALLMAN
 E COGHILL, L RENDA
 M PELLEGRINO, L GRAY
 S WARD
 THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 GENESIS 32:3-8, 22-30; PSALM 121;
 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5; LUKE 18:1-8A

ACOLYTES

USHERS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 10

S MATTHEWS, J PELLEGRINO, J GROOVER
 (8AM) G BORGESON
 (10AM) TEAM 3 - PIERNICK, DURBIN, J GROOVER,
 PROKOPP, KEDZO

LECTOR/LEM

(8AM) A JOHNSON
 (10AM) N LEHNERT, D CALDWELL, R GROOVER

ALTAR GUILD

LEVS

C BAUER, J REINER, J OELKERS
 J ANDERSON, D LEBLANC, S MULKERN,
 P POCETA

VPOD

M AMIS

SUNDAY READINGS:

THE 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 RUTH 1:8-19A; PSALM 113;
 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-15; LUKE 17:11-19

LECTOR/LEM

ALTAR GUILD

LEVS

VPOD

SUNDAY READINGS:

WEEK OF OCTOBER 24

R GREEN, L HINES, D PIERNICK
 (8AM) D BAKER ST
 (10AM) TEAM - 1-R BAKER, KB MATTHEWS,
 GARRIS

ACOLYTES

USHERS

(8AM) M SALLMAN
 (10AM) M PIERNICK, A JOHNSON, E SIMPSON
 K BEHM, C GOSS
 S QUAIN, B HALL
 D BREHOB
 THE 21TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 JEREMIAH 14:7-10, 19-22; PSALM 84:1-6;
 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18; LUKE 18:9-14

LECTOR/LEM

ALTAR GUILD

LEVS

VPOD

SUNDAY READINGS:

WEEK OF OCTOBER 31

E SALLMAN, C KAPPAUF, J PELLEGRINO
 (8AM) L CRANE
 (10AM) TEAM 2 - LUDWIG, BRIM, SALLMAN,
 LEDUC

ACOLYTES

USHERS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 17

A PIERNICK, E BREHOB, T LEDUC
 (8AM) K GOSS
 (10AM) TEAM 4 - D & M HIPP, MATTHEWS,
 OATNEY, QUAIN
 (8AM) D CARDWELL

LECTOR/LEM

(8AM) E SIMPSON
 (10AM) B SIMPSON, M AMIS, MA ZAWADA
 L PEDLER, E BOYAR, B CALDWELL
 M SHELTON, A JOHNSON
 J GARRIS
 THE 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 ISAIAH 1:10-20; PSALM 32:1-8;
 2 THESSALONIANS 1:1-12; LUKE 19:1-10

SERVICE SCHEDULE

October Forums

What's WWI go to do with it?

On **Sunday, October 3** Camron Amin, Ph.D, assistant professor of history at U-M-Dearborn will speak on World War I and the Invention of Iraq. Over the last 3 years, Dr. Amin has shared with us how the history of Middle and Near East impacts today's geopolitical world. At this forum, he will review how in the wake of WWI the issues of oil and the Iraqi Mandate provide a window for understanding current events in modern Iraq. We will provide reading materials before the forum (homework!) so that you will have some helpful background before his presentation.

From the Ground in Afghanistan

Our own director of Creating Hope International, Dr. Sekena Yacoobi will join us on **October 10** to update us on the work of the Afghan Institute of Learning's work with women and children in Afghanistan. The forum will also be held one day after the historic elections in Afghanistan take place.

Election 2004

If you're feeling anxious about this fall's presidential election or just want to know what all the fuss is about, this forum is for you. At the forum on **October 17**, rather than debating issues or candidates, our discussion will focus on the hopes and fears driving this year's election and to hear some different perspectives about the relationship between faith and politics. Join us for a lively nonpartisan discussion.

Jazz and Campus Ministry

A former Army officer, lawyer and parish priest, the Rev. Reid Hamilton, is our new chaplain at Canterbury House on the campus of University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Reid is coming to preach at both Sunday services and to tell us about his ministry on **October 24**. Reid began his campus based ministry this summer after serving a parish in Kent, Ohio, home of Kent State University. He will be joined by Dr. Stephen Rush and Quartex during our 10 am worship for a jazz music based service.

"Building Evangelism"

On the **last Sunday of October**, a group that was formed from our Evangelism Forum sessions held last spring will be sharing some of their work on how Christ Church can become a more welcoming parish. Together with members of the Vestry and Property committee, they will discuss both their reflections on Episcopal Evangelism and some thoughts about how our physical facility welcomes and does not welcome those who come to worship with us. As an ever more important part of our common life, you are encouraged to attend and share your insights.

Upcoming Christian Formation events:

November 7 - Ministry Fair

November and December forums focus on Marcus Borg's book, *The Heart of Christianity, Rediscovering a Life of Faith*.

November 21 - Making Thanksgiving Baskets

FROM THE DIOCESE...

MEET THE NOMINEES NIGHT IS OCTOBER 14

In preparation for the reconvening of our diocesan convention, The Record and the Committee on Nominations and Elections are sponsoring a "Meet the Nominees" night on Thursday, October 14, 6:30-9 p.m. at St. John's, Plymouth.

This will be an opportunity for convention delegates and all interested members of our diocesan household to meet the candidates who will stand for election as Deputy to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church (scheduled for June 13-21, 2006, in Columbus, Ohio). The event will be moderated by Herb Gunn, who served as a lay deputy to General Convention in 2000 and chair of the deputation in 2003.

Questions regarding "Meet the Nominees" can be directed to the Rev. Dr. Ruth Strang, Chair of the Committee on Nominations and Elections (sjec@cac.net or 517/546-3660), or Herb Gunn, editor of The Record (herbgunn@earthlink.net or 313/833-4425).

Diocesan Convention Reconvenes on October 30

THE 170TH DIOCESAN CONVENTION will continue on Saturday, October 30, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 50 E. Fisher Freeway, Detroit, MI.

Treasurer, Isabelle Behm Resigns

Sadly, Isabelle Behm has submitted her resignation as Treasurer effective October 1, 2004. She has been discussing this for some time with Dan and has his support for her decision.

Isabelle wrote to Dan, the Wardens and Bob Buzby, Finance Chair, "I truly enjoyed my tenure as Treasurer and will miss working with the Finance Committee, The Vestry, Jan Timpko and all of you in this role. I will be focusing, however, on my newer missions ~ church school teacher and kitchen coordinator, and ongoing involvement in the Altar Guild of Christ Church Dearborn."

The Vestry, in accordance with our by-laws and the Canons of our Church, are taking action to fill the vacancy. Should this be an area of interest, feel free to speak to Dan or one of the Wardens.

Isabelle has served faithfully and tirelessly for over 3 years (and more than that on the Finance Committee) and we are indebted to her for her ministry to our parish. It has been a joy for all of us who have worked with her, to have shared her vision, humor and realism! Thank you is an inadequate expression for our gratitude.

IN OUR MAIL BOX

THANK YOU

"Thank you for your very generous check of \$500.00 for Freedom House. You share in our work of care and concern for our sisters and brothers in the global community. May God bless you all." *Gloria Riveria*

DEAR CHRIST CHURCH PARISHONERS

"Thank you all for your concern about Dan and me. ... Thank you very much for attending the service for Dan on September 11, 2004. It was very meaningful for me." *Pamela Beeghly*

GOOD IDEA

While the cold weather has you hibernating this winter, 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 Stacey Hall. Any questions, see Mary Agnes Clickner.



FINANCIAL CORNER

Income & Expenses as of August 31, 2004

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Total 2004 Budget
Income (Pledges & Offerings)	\$219,907	\$227,994	\$372,761
Other	\$37,732	\$13,050	\$23,700
Total Operating Income	\$257,639	\$241,044	\$396,461
Less Operating Expenses	\$278,649	\$302,128	\$452,599
Surplus / Deficit	\$(21,010)	\$(61,084)	(\$56,138)
Carry Over Cash* Applied	\$21,010	\$53,031	\$23,262
Financial Deficit/Surplus	0	\$8,053	(\$32,876)

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

BRIEFLY

THE SERVICE COMMISSION is holding a "New Underwear Drive" for Crossroads Clients in the month of October. We are asking parishioners to buy NEW underpants, undershirts and socks in Men's small, medium and large sizes (we need more small sizes) and place them in a special basket located in the Narthex. Crossroads serves people in the Detroit area that are in need of clothing and food. (Crossroads does take donations of used clothing but we are asking for new underwear.)

SUNSHINE COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL AT TRINITY CHURCH, Detroit, is holding a reception to celebrate their recent school successes with the community and to kickoff their annual appeal. The reception will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 14. Tickets are \$15 each and may be requested by calling Mrs. Josephine Outlaw's office at 313-964-5604. Parishioners may wish to carpool!

ATTENTION ALL LADIES: The 29th annual Spiritual Journey will be held January 13-15, 2005 at Columbiere Center in Clarkston, MI. The Rev. Nancy Baum is the retreat leader; the theme: Every-Day Sacred. Registration forms are on the board opposite the church office. Reservation Deadline: October 8, 2004. Give yourself the gift of a few days spent in the company of others also seeking God's presence. Jenna Aviva Lee will lead yoga sessions. Additionally, there will be a labyrinth set up for personal meditations and two bookstores available for your shopping pleasure. See Barbara Hall for further information.

PARISH MINISTRY FAIR ~ NOVEMBER 7TH
Toot your own horns! In the undercroft after coffee hour all committees, Commissions and groups are welcome to have a table with information for the parish. Any questions, please call Jane Culp @ 313.563.5458

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PASSAGES

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Noah Grochulski
- 03 Jessica Poceta
- 04 David Lowery, Betty Lou Neidigh
- 07 Carol Garrison, Abigail McNeill
- 08 William Drake
- 11 Michele Carroll-Pearce
- 12 Donna Behm, Gary LeBlanc
- 13 Daisy Norat, John Porter
- 15 Julian Appleyard, Douglas Baker, Marian Kachadurian, Claire Matthews
- 17 Alan Church, Kathy DeGiulio, Walter Gardner, Shirley Krause
- 18 Keelyn Blake, Todd Kappauf, Julie Leidel
- 19 Shannon Giberson, Bill Poceta
- 20 Tammie Lowery

- 21 Mike Doumanian
- 22 Hailey Leidel
- 23 Carol Kery
- 24 Ed Drazga, Elizabeth Lowery, Ronald Masecar
- 25 Roberta Garrison
- 26 Jan Motsinger
- 28 Elizabeth Leduc
- 30 Clara Kunys
- 31 Jessica Barber, Mary Trimble

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 04 Christian & Jocelyn Wenk (1)
- 05 Walter & Alice Boltrick (58)
- 06 Kevin & Chris Goss (32)
- 05 Jeffrey & Julie Wojtowicz (4)
- 08 Keith & Cynthia Kibilko (28)
- 09 Frank & Lee Renda (51)
- 10 Ray & Carol Ward (5)

- 12 James Connelly & Jeanne Martens (13)
- 16 Mitchell & Clara Kunys (22)
- Harold & Betty Lou Neidigh (50)
- 18 Wayne & Patricia Hamann (41)
- 19 Don & Rhonda Cardwell (8)
- Richard & Gillian Woods (8)
- 20 Daniel & Erika Stanis, (3)
- 24 William & Katy Baetz-Matthews (17)
- 26 James & Julie Leidel (13)
- 27 Wesley Blake & Angela Larsen (2)
- 28 Stephen & Andrea Flaig (4)
- 29 Jeffrey & Jeanne Traylor (5)

RECENTLY DEPARTED

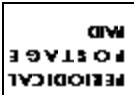
- Kathy VanDerZandez
- Gladys Ramirez

HALLOWEEN PARTY
 OCTOBER 30
 STAY TUNED TO THE WEEKLY
 COMMUNICATOR FOR DETAILS.



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Keeping Connected...

Below is a listing of the Commissions at Christ Church Dearborn and the appropriate contact person and phone number(s). Keep it/Post it/Duplicate it; most of all USE IT!

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 Dan Appleyard/Margaret Haas
 (313) 565-8450
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 Children's Choir
 Sean Jackman (313) 562-0136
 Children's Education
 Kevin Green (313) 792-9839
 Choir Margaret Green/Todd Kappauf
 (313) 792-9839/593-4886
 Christian Formation Dan Appleyard
 (313) 565-8450
 Evangelism & New Member Ministry
 Diana Brehob (313) 593-4886
 Finance Bob Buzby (313) 562-4273
 Foyer Groups Margaret Green
 (313) 792-9839
 Hand bell Choir Ross Groover
 (313) 561-1389
 J2A Monica McLeod/Jerry Behm
 (313) 561-6268/277-7607
 Lay Eucharistic Minister
 Nancy Lehnert (313) 730-0644

Lay Eucharistic Visitor
 Mary Jo Searles (313) 565-4737
 Library Jane Culp (313) 563-5458
 Memorial Garden Committee
 George Ebling, Jr (313) 563-8691
 Not Necessarily Religious Book Club
 Peg Poceta/Kevin Green
 (313) 561-2975/792-9839
 Pastoral Care Mary Ann Zawada
 (313) 274-5206
 Prayer Room
 Mary Donegan Ritter/Amy Mills
 (313) 359-2296/441-6354
 Property
 George Ebling/George Morrison
 (313) 563-8691/791-2709
 Quilting Bees Virginia Ebling
 (313) 563-8691
 Service Julia Garris/Susan Ward
 (313) 563-3018/791-0483
 St. Clement's Mary Donegan Ritter
 (313) 359-2296
 St. Martha's Jo Reiner/Luceil Pedler
 (313) 562-2363/563-1843
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 Angeline Keller (313) 846-9979
 Stewardship Peter Kenney
 (313) 561-7962
 United Thank Offering
 Julie Cohoe (313) 467-4766
 Vestry Michele Nolan
 (248) 777-6991

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The Rev. Daniel S. Appleyard, <i>Rector</i>
The Rev. Clare L. Oatney, <i>Assistant Rector</i>
The Rev. Margaret A. Haas, <i>Assistant Rector</i>
Ben Kedzo, <i>Assistant Sexton</i>
Bob Smith, <i>Sexton</i>
Jan Timpko, <i>Parish Administrator</i>
Sally Timpner, <i>Communications Coordinator</i>
Jung Yoo, <i>Organist</i>
Vestry
Martha Amis, <i>Stewardship</i>
Diana Brehob, <i>Evangelism & New Members</i>
Jane Culp, <i>Communication</i>
Julia Garris, <i>Property</i>
Ross Groover, <i>Communication</i>
Michele Nolan, <i>Senior Warden</i>
Liz Leduc, <i>Youth Representative</i>
Roger Somerville
Thomas Trimble, <i>Junior Warden</i>
Robert Vokac
Susan Ward, <i>Service</i>
Officers of the Vestry
Isabelle Behm, <i>Treasurer</i>
George Morrison, <i>Clerk</i>

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