

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

In my own spiritual life, some of the most crucial decisions I make have to do with my attitude towards money. This is not a new idea. The Scriptures speak again and again of the love of money and the power of money to destroy us. Money may be neutral, to be used for good or bad. Money can be used for much good, but it seems to also have the power to corrupt us if we cannot learn to be free of its control. In our affluent society, money acts as a God, demanding obedience, promising the good life, but in the end betraying its worshippers. For us who live in this kind of world, learning to be free of the drawing power of money is an absolutely essential stage through which we must pass. "You cannot worship God and Mammon." And in this culture of consumption, mammon – our material possessions – is worshipped by many people.

I recently read about a species of jellyfish found in the Italian Mediterranean that feeds on tiny snails of the nudibranch variety. The snails, however, are protected by their shell – the jellyfish cannot digest them. So once the jellyfish eats one of these snails, a bizarre reversal of roles takes place: the diner becomes the dinner. Attaching itself to the wall of the jellyfish's digestive tract, the snail begins to eat the jellyfish. By the time the snail grows to maturity, it has completely consumed the jellyfish. The poor jellyfish is eventually consumed by what it has consumed.

Our culture has in subtle and not so subtle ways taught us to hunger for things that do not truly satisfy us. What we consume can consume us. We can be swallowed up in the pursuit of wealth, prestige, and power, becoming immune to the joy of human experience. Jesus' warning to the rich, young man (Lk. 12:13ff) is a warning to all of us to be careful of the "snails" we consume that can consume us, displacing the eternal things of God with the immediate, momentary things of this world.

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Festive Brunch kicks off commitment campaign

The undercroft was packed last month at the church's first Festive Brunch to kick off this year's Financial Commitment Campaign. More than 120 parishioners attended the event on April 25 that followed a combined worship service at 9am.

Festivities included special music by Pat and Stephanie Mulkern and Christ Church's Children's, Adult and Handbell choirs. Mary Ann Zawada and Thomas Trimble also shared their musical talents.

Kevin Goss shared his thoughts on the balance between needs, helps preferences and luxuries and invited parishioners to sign the church's new stewardship statement as a sign of their commitment to the community at Christ Church.

Time was given for "Table Talks" where parishioners discussed their reasons for attending Christ Church, the importance of the church in their lives and what it means to be a member of this parish.

Those in attendance received new pledge cards which will be gathered and blessed during our services on Commitment Sunday, May 16.

New group forming to explore discipleship

Beginning this fall after Labor Day, a new opportunity will open for those interested in digging deeply into issues and questions about discipleship, including "What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? How does Scripture speak to me and how does it meet me in my world? What does it mean to live out my baptismal vows? How is God being revealed in my life? Our purpose is to develop tools and bonds that will help us continually deepen our spiritual walk

Using a variety of spiritual disciplines – journaling, prayer, Scripture reading, reading lists and reflection – an initial group of no more than ten persons, along with facilitators Margaret Haas and Martha Amis, will come together to explore and wrestle with these questions during the time from September 2004 to Lent 2005. Our expectation and hope is that as a result of this first group, new gatherings will spin off and draw those who were interested, but unable to join the first one.

The format of the sessions will be two-hour meetings twice a month, or roughly ten meetings in all. Potential meeting days are Sunday evening or Tuesday evening, with the group members deciding on the day and time. All members will commit to themselves and to each other to be faithful in attendance and in doing the work of the group.

The initial group will be the first ten persons who are interested and able to make the commitment. Please contact Margaret Haas if you would like to be a part of this exciting venture.

From the Rector

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Over the last year, our Stewardship Commission and Vestry have been asking us to reflect on the question, "How much is enough?" That theme was a part of our annual Financial Campaign last year. It was a feature of our Christian Formation program last fall and winter. It is a question that asks us to assess what is truly important to us as individuals and as a community. And a question that will remain an important one for us to wrestle with, whether at our table discussions at our Festive Brunch on April 25 or as we focus on a parenting (and grand parenting) at our weekend workshop this fall (September 24-26), "Christian Kids and Money: the Challenges of Rearing Children in a Money-Focused Culture." The question asks us to enter into a sacred conversation with our selves and our loved ones about how our money can serve God instead of mammon and so be used to build up God's Kingdom. It is a question that can transform our lives in this Christian community as well!

This month, as you consider your pledge for our 2004-05 Financial Commitment Campaign, I ask you to reflect on the question, "How much is enough?" and to pray with me the following prayer:

O God, you have created us in love and destined us for eternal happiness. You bless us abundantly in our personal lives and sustain us in this community of faith. Help us to see the abundance in and around us. Lead us to give because of our need to respond to your blessing instead of the church's need for our gift. Stretch us to give generously so that we might lessen our attachment to earthly possessions and draw us closer to you in love. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen

Faithfully Yours, Daniel

New communication coordinator named

Sally Timpner joins Christ Church this month as our new Communication Coordinator, replacing JoAnn Amicangelo

Sally has been a free-lance graphic designer and editor, primarily working from her home, since 1990. Some of her other current clients include: The City of Franklin, The Women's Bar Association of Oakland County, Christ Church Cranbrook and Sandalfoot Condominium on Sanibel Island, Florida.

Prior to the free-lance life, Sally worked in the Detroit Medical Center's Management and Information Services Department at Harper-Grace Hospital. Having worked with the large mainframe computer systems, Sally decided to "down-size," put her journalism degree to work, and primarily to be at home with her young children by establishing her own company, Pen to Print. Creating newsletters for the different clients comprises the bulk of her focus and are truly her passion.

Sally and her husband, Andy, live in Rochester Hills. Andy is a reliability engineer for General Motors. Their son, Andrew, is a freshman at the Virginia Military Institute and enjoys participating in the Navy ROTC program and performing with the bagpipe band. A junior at Rochester High School, their daughter, Ashley, is in the midst of lacrosse season and year-end choral performances. Both are accomplished swimmers.

Sally looks forward to meeting and serving in the friendly community known as Christ Church Dearborn.

Our Rector heads for Florida, just temporarily

Our Rector, Dan Appleyard, will be leaving Michigan's "spring-like" weather for more predictable temperatures, Ellenton Florida to be specific. He will be attending CREDO 61 from May 17 - 24 at the DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center.

Participation in a CREDO Conference is work of the mind, heart, and spirit. It is much more than a "how-to" workshop – it is a God-centered collaboration aimed at unifying the disparate, often conflicting, elements at work in the life of an ordained minister.

The CREDO experience is based on the core belief in the saving power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as expressed in the Baptismal Covenant.

CREDO provides the time to step back from the non-stop pace of ordained ministry.

It offers an opportunity for clergy to reflect, connect all aspects of their lives, and begin to build plans and make decisions that will deeply affect their personal and professional lives.

For times of change ... *"Assist us, Lord, in living hopefully into the future. In the face of change, help us to set unnecessary fears aside and to recognize our potential for creative response. Help us to develop a reasonable optimism when confronted by "the new" and to guard against our own defensiveness. Be with us as we remember and celebrate former times, and keep us from unreasonable yearning for them, which takes us from the work you have set before us in our time. All this we ask in the name of your Child, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen."*

The Rev. Linda C. Smith-Griddle

All of us have favorite times of the year that are reflected in our faith and worship: favorite Sunday's that are special to the religious calendar and those when we especially enjoy being in church. Some of us love the season of Advent and the days leading up to the celebration of the birth of Christ. Others thrive during the season of Lent and the special, poignant days of Holy Week. I don't think there are many of us, however, who raise our voices with joy and claim, "I just love Stewardship Sunday!" Or, "I can't wait for the Stewardship Committee to kick it up a notch!" But the Spring Commitment Campaign is upon us and we have some decisions to make.

I have had very interesting conversations with several of my close friends about faith and the differences in our chosen religions. One of the topics we close in on occasionally is the topic of what our churches expect in terms of "giving." Most of us are not comfortable with the "hard sell" of burning in hell if you don't give a certain amount to your church. Nor are we impressed by the pomposity of someone announcing that they tithe on a regular basis and try to guilt you into doing the same.

The message I hear from most of my friends is that they give what they can and then a little more. What they can give, of course, can be defined one hundred different ways. Some may base that percentage on before taxes and some may base it on after taxes. Some may give to their churches first and others may leave it as the last item to be paid with whatever is left over. The point being that nobody really has a good definition of "what is enough" that will apply to everyone. So we are forced to look deep inside ourselves and come up with our own answers -- our own definition.

My definition of "what is enough" is inspired by the story of Hannah from the Old Testament. The story of a woman who was going through the pain of being childless -- scorned by her husband's other wife and by other women -- because at that time women unable to bear children were considered unworthy by God. Hannah wanted to be of value. She wanted to be worthy of God's love and God's grace. So she prayed. And Hannah's prayer was very specific. She asked for a son and she included a promise that if she were blessed with a son she would give him back to God to do His work.

Here is a woman of strength. She prayed for years and years and never gave up on her prayer. And when her prayer was finally answered, she demonstrated the pinnacle of strength by keeping her promise. The child she longed for so desperately, and that was now hers, she took at the age of three and delivered to the temple in Shiloh. And then she prayed some more. Not a prayer of sadness or despair at the loss of her son, but a prayer of joy and strength and thanks. And this time she was the one who had given the gift.

How many of us give a gift and then thank the recipient of that gift? Hannah's strength was rewarded with a long-awaited son. And she, in turn, gives him back. She prays, "Thank you, Lord. Thank you for letting me give back to you he whom you gave to me."

I go to church because I am hungry for God's love and for the message of Jesus Christ. I believe that everything we have is a gift from God. We did not earn these things. Our families, our health, our jobs, our possessions -- everything we have is God's gift to us. I don't want my definition of "what is enough" to be based on a heartfelt duty. I don't want it to be based on guilt. I want it to be based on "How grateful am I?" and "How blessed am I by God?"

As I reflect on my pledge during this Stewardship Commitment Campaign I want to remember that all I have and receive is on loan from God. I want to remember that Hannah's joy was made complete not in receiving from, but in giving back.

By the way, after she gave back her first-born to God, the formerly barren Hannah had five more children -- three sons and two daughters. Thanks be to God for his grace!!

My Mother

(For Eva Brubaker Rosencrans)

**She would have been 100 today,
how she would have laughed
at the absurdity
of so many years.**

**She was born
on a snowbound farm
in a furious March
that roared in like a lion,
and lingered.
The doctor was late,
his horse struggling
to plow a path
through fence-high drifts,
and arrived moments
before her birth.**

**So many March 20ths
were surprises.
Sometimes there were
azure skies, hints of green
and early birdsong.
More often,
winter held the date
in its frigid grasp,**

**Much like her life,
some years of gentle warmth,
too many cooled
by dark gales of fate.**

**Her liveliness, her humor, her aura
brightened her children's lives,
would that she knew
how much she was loved.**

**One hundred years ago today
the world welcomed her.**

She stayed only sixty-five.

**- By Betty Rosencrans Bunts
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JOIN US

TRINITY SOUP KITCHEN

Saturday, May 1, 9AM-3:00PM

Help 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 and Undercroft bulletin boards.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, May 16, 8AM & 10AM

Ingathering of our new pledge cards. If you have not yet received yours, please call the church office.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

BREAKFAST BUNCH

Sundays, 9am

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

THE FORUM

Sundays, 11:30am

Meets in the undercroft

5/2 "Baptism, Children and the Table"

5/9 No Forum

5/16 "Sharing our Stories"

5/23 "Sharing our Stories"

5/30 No Forum

ST. MARY'S OF BETHANY

Tuesdays, 10am

Intercessory prayer group for the needs of those on our current and sustaining prayer lists. All are welcome. (Kitchen)

"NOT NECESSARILY RELIGIOUS"

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesday, May 19, 7:30PM

Get a copy of Simon Winchester's book *The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary* and join in the discussion. This is the story of the friendship forged between the author of the Oxford dictionary and a man who provided more than 10,000 definitions. Group contact: Bill or Peg Poceta @ 313-561-2975. (Lounge)

"INQUIRING HEARTS"

This Christian Formation opportunity is discontinued until further notice.

FOYER GROUPS

Small-group opportunity at parishioners' homes for simple meal and

casual conversation. To be a part of one, call Margaret Green @ 313-792-9839.

FAMILY INTEREST

BAPTISM

Preparation Class:

Saturday, May 29, 10AM-12PM

Baptism: Sunday, May 30, 10am

The Baptism Preparation Class is required for parents and godparents of children being presented for Baptism the next day during the 10am service. Call the church office no later than Monday, May 24, if you are interested.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

PRAYER ROOM

Sundays, 10:00am

Worship activities for children 3-7 years. (Pre-K: Rm 12; K-2nd: Rm 213)

CHURCH SCHOOL

Sundays, 11:30am

Bible stories, singing and crafts for children preschool-aged to 9. (Education Hall)

JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD

RITE 13

Sundays, 11:30am-12:15pm

For youth ages 10-13; meets in Room 17. Contacts: Susan Gregg & Dale Taylor (313-277-1975).

J2A

Sunday, May 2 & 16, 11:30am-12:15pm

For youth aged 14 to 15; meets in Room 19. Contacts: Chris Goss (313-565-7647) or Thomas Trimble (313-581-6268).

YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday, May 2 & 16, 11:30am-12:15pm

For ages 16 to 18; meets in Rm 212. Info: Jerry Behm (313-277-7607).

MUSIC MINISTRY

ADULT CHOIR

Thursdays, 7:30pm

The choir is open to new members. (Childcare available)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Sundays, 9:00am, except May 23

Children's Choir for elementary

school-aged children. Meets in Rm. 213. Contact: Sean Jackman @ 313-562-0136.

HANDBELL CHOIR

Thursdays, 6:30pm

For more information, please call the church office.

MEETINGS

ST. MARTHA'S GUILD

Tuesday, May, 11 12:00pm

Special speaker Russ Button will share his "Early Memories of Dearborn." As always, bring a sandwich and dessert and beverages will be served by hostesses Mary Daroczy (313-563-8465) and Angie Keller (313-846-9979). All are welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD

SPRING LUNCHEON

Tuesday, June 8, 12:00pm

Make your reservation for St. Martha's Guild annual Spring Luncheon. Call Luceil Pedler by June 1 at 313-563-1843. Cost of the luncheon is \$6. Any other questions, call Marian Kachadurian at 313-271-2233. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship.

END-OF SCHOOL-YEAR

PICNIC

Sunday, June 13, 11:15am

Mark the date for our annual End-of-School-Year Picnic after the 10am service. Senior Warden, Michele Nolan, is coordinating the event. You'll hear more about the details as the date approaches.

OF INTEREST

SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, May 16, 4:00pm

The musical group, Musica Vera, will perform a concert directed by our own F. Marshall Dicks. Please invite your friends and plan to join us. Any

JUST SAY "CHEESE"

Resident photographer, Don Cardwell, can be seen behind the lens during coffee hour taking pictures of parishioners that soon will be posted on our bulletin boards. What a perfect way to get to know each other, not only by face, but by name! Thanks, Don.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9am Trinity Soup Kitchen 12-1:30pm AA 3pm Doumanian/Yelovina Wedding
2 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist 9am Children's Choir 10am Prayer Room 11:30am Church School Rite 13 // J2A // YA // Forum	3 10am Senior Exercise 7pm Boy Scout Comm. Mtg. 8pm AA	4 10am Prayer Group 11am HE & Healing 6:30pm Energy Healing 7pm Boy Scouts	5 6:30pm Handbell Choir 7pm UN Conversations 7:30pm AA	6 7:00pm League of Women Voters 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	7 2:30pm Grief Support	8 12-1:30pm AA
9 MOTHER'S DAY 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist 9am Children's Choir 10am Prayer Room 11:30am Church School //Rite 13	10 10am Senior Exercise 5pm Executive Comm. Mtg. 8pm AA	11 9:30am Quilters 10am Prayer Group 11am HE 12pm St. Martha's Guild 6:30pm Energy Healing 7pm Boy Scouts	12 6:30pm Handbell Choir 7pm Property Comm. 7:30pm AA	13 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	14	15 12-1:30pm AA
16 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist 9am Children's Choir 10am Prayer Room 11:30am Church School Rite 13 // J2A // YA // Forum 1pm Vestry 4pm Musica Vera Spring Concert	17 10am Senior Exercise 8pm AA	18 9:30am Quilters 10am Prayer Group 11am HE 6:30pm Energy Healing 7pm Finance Comm. // Boy Scouts	19 1pm Library Comm. 6:30pm Handbell Choir 7:30pm AA	20 7:00 Hospice Memorial Service 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	21	22 9am Save the Bryant Library 12-1:30pm AA
23 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist 10am Prayer Room 11:30am Church School Rite 13 // Forum 30 PENTECOST 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist (Baptism 10am) 9am Children's Choir 10am Prayer Room	24 10am Senior Exercise 8pm AA 31 MEMORIAL DAY (Church Office Closed) 8pm AA	25 9:30am Quilters 10am Prayer Group 11am HE 4pm Christian Formation 6:30pm Energy Healing 7pm Boy Scouts	26 6:30pm Handbell Choir 7pm Children's Education Comm 7:30pm AA	27 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	28	29 10am Baptism Preparation Class

WEEK OF May 2

Acolytes E Sallman, R Green, J Pellegrino
(8am) G. Borgeson
Ushers (10am) Team 4 – D & M Hipp, Matthews, Oatney, Quaint
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) M Amis
(10am) D Petts, E Simpson, M Amis
Altar Guild I Behm, B Caldwell, J Oelkers
VPOD M Nolan
Sunday Readings (The 4th Sunday of Easter)
Numbers 27:12-23; Psalm 100;
Acts 13:15-16, 26-33; John 10:22-30

WEEK OF May 9

Acolytes A Piernick, S Matthews, J Groover
(8am) K. Goss
Ushers (10am) Team 1 – R Baker, KB Matthews, C Groover, Garris, J Pellegrino
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) D Brehob
(10am) M Piernick, MA Zawada, D Brehob
Altar Guild C Bauer, L Renda, L Conklin
VPOD D Brehob
Sunday Readings (The Fifth Sunday of Easter)
Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 145:1-9;
Acts 13:44-52; John 13:31-35

WEEK OF May 16

Acolytes C Kappauf, M Swiecicki, B Green
(8am) D Baker Sr
Ushers (10am) Team 2 – Ludwig, Brim, Sallman, Leduc, Cardwell
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) D Petts
(10am) B Simpson, D Cardwell, R Groover

WEEK OF May 16 continued

Altar Guild C Goss, J Reiner
VPOD J Culp
Sunday Readings (The 6th Sunday of Easter)
Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 67; Acts 14:8-18;
John 14:23-29

WEEK OF May 23

Acolytes E Sallman, T LeDuc, E Brehob
Ushers (8am) L Crane
(10:00am) Team 3 – Piernick, Durbin, Kunys, J Groover, Prokopp, Kedzo
Lector/LEM (8am) M Piernick
(10am) M Farquharson, B Hall, A Johnson, R Groover
Altar Guild E Coghill, E Boyar, S McCullen
VPOD S Ward
Sunday Readings (The 7th Sunday of Easter) Samuel 12:19-24;
Psalm 68:1-20; Acts 16:16-34;
John 17:20-26

WEEK OF May 30

Acolytes A Piernick, S Matthews, L Hines
Ushers (8am) G Ebling (10am) Team 4 – D & M Hipp, Matthews, Oatney, Quaint
(8am) R Groover
(10am) K Green, M Sallman, MJ Searles
Lector/LEM J Reiner, L Pedler, I Behm
Altar Guild A Johnson, J Anderson, B Hall, S Mulkern
LEVs R Groover
VPOD R Groover
Sunday Readings (The Day of Pentecost) Acts 2:1-11;
Psalm 104:25-37; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13;
John 20:19-23

BRIEFLY

Whitaker School honors parishioner

Christ Church member, Jack Durbin, was recently inducted into the Whitaker School of Theology Hall of Fame. He was honored last month at a dinner celebration for his nearly 12 years of service on Whitaker's Finance Committee. Denise Crenshaw, assistant to the Bishop for Christian Formation, said "Jack Durbin was a trusted and faithful volunteer of the Whitaker School and we depended on his good judgement for many years." A member of Christ Church since 1970, Jack worked as a business analyst for Ford and General Motors before retiring.

Ties for a cause

At the end of last month, Ruth West delivered the remaining fabric and 291 men's ties to Helping Hands, a community outreach program of Troy Assembly of God in Troy. Out of the fabric and ties, Helping Hands makes sleeping bags for those in need. Ruth asks Christ Church parishioners to continue to collect men's ties, drapes, bed sheets and good fabrics of considerable size so that we can deliver more supplies to this helpful ministry in September.

Let's play in the dirt!

Do your children think all vegetables come from the grocery store? Does your house have little or no sun, yet you yearn to grow your own tomatoes? Now is your chance to teach the kids otherwise and have a good harvest of vegetables! Christ Church is offering land, sun and water for you to plant, nurture

and reap your own harvest. We are "renting" 10' by 10' garden plots north of the children's play area. For \$10 (used to cover water and tilling costs), you can have a plot to plant whatever your heart desires (although we ask that you limit the number of pumpkins being grown). If you are interested or have more questions, please call Margaret Green at 313-792-9839.

Walk as one

A walk-a-thon, benefitting the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) will begin Saturday, May 22 at the Belle Isle Casino at 10am. Registration will be held at 9am. Individuals, families, business organizations or church groups are encouraged to help transform communities by empowering young people with the tools they need to nurture and sustain a more respectful and peaceful work. For sponsorship or registration information, call Steve Spreitzer at NCCJ, 313-567-6225, or visit the website at www.nccj-mi.org.

Episcopal Church Center tour offered

You're invited to an open house at the Diocese on Sunday, May 23, from 2-6pm. You'll be able to tour the Diocesan Episcopal Church Center, Cathedral Church of St. Paul and the Herlong Cathedral School. Packed with a variety of activities for all ages, the tour provides the opportunity to visit with Episcopalians from across the Diocese, enjoy refreshments, meet the bishop, clergy and staff of the Diocesan Center, take a tour, walk the labyrinth, hear an organ recital or enjoy in a choral evensong. Don't miss it.

In our Mail Box ...

From JoAnn Amicangelo

"Thank you, Christ Church, for the wonderful farewell tea in my honor last month. It meant so much to worship with you and to receive your well wishes afterwards – and to be made an honorary Episcopalian. I am grateful for the opportunity I've had to know you and to have been a part of this special community of God's people. Although I am anxious to move on to pursue a different kind of work, I am also sad. I will surely miss so many of you who have touched my life in an unforgettable way."

From Janice at Crossroads

"Thank you so much for your kind and generous contribution to Crossroads." Last week we met up with a young man who had come to us six years earlier seeking an ID, and help with his addiction. He came in to thank us for all we had done for him and to let us know he was marking his sixth year of sobriety by taking time off from his management job to marry his long-time girlfriend and take a honeymoon. "Thank you for your continued support that allows Crossroads, and you, to be a part of this man's story."

From Michigan Coalition for Human Rights

"The board and staff of the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights is most grateful that you have supported us again with your generous contribution, which makes you a 'Hundred for

Human Rights' congregation. Since MCHR is an ecumenical coalition of religious congregations, civic and union officials, and like-minded organizations, it is contributions like yours that enable our board and committees to continue their work for justice and peace."

From Dearborn Pastoral Counseling Center

"Your continued generous support of the Dearborn Pastoral Counseling Center is deeply appreciated. This commitment furthers the mission of DPCC in assisting individuals in need of financial assistance to continue necessary therapy. We thank you for your support of our work and confidence in us."

From Trinity Episcopal Church

"Thank you for your recent gift which will go to the general fund of our parish in supporting our food pantry and our building. Our community appreciates your financial and personal dedication to our ministry. We continue to do the ministry of Jesus Christ in a neighborhood that is in need and you help make that possible. You remain in our prayers of thanksgiving."

From Sunshine Community School

"We are very thankful for your generous contribution. Your support and dedication to our school is valued and appreciated continuously and helps the students purchase supplies and other important items."

ETC.

Bloomin' Beautiful

The tulips are in full bloom in Memorial Garden. Stop by for a moment of prayer or just to enjoy the beauty of this special place at Christ Church.

Paradox

Can we believe that May is here
After long, long winter?
Snows erased, blossoms bud,
Welcome, Harbinger!
Would that human nature be
As happy to receive
November's chill, forgetful of
Summer's warm reprieve.

By Betty Bunts
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Helping Young Families

Make a point of checking out the "need list" on the bulletin board in the undercroft for items you can donate to families with young children who need help in outfitting and feeding infants and toddlers. If you have any questions, please call Brooke Hofmann at 313-724-0445.

FINANCIAL CORNER

Income & Expenses as of March 31, 2004

	<u>YTD</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2004</u> <u>Budget</u>
Income (Pledges & Offerings)	\$80,320	\$77,678	\$372,761
Other	\$17,262	\$5,925	\$23,700
Total Operating Income	\$97,582	\$83,603	\$396,461
Less Operating Expenses	\$108,868	\$118,409	\$452,599
Surplus / Deficit	\$(11,286)	\$(34,806)	(\$56,138)
Carry Over Cash* Applied	\$11,286	\$34,806	\$23,262
Financial Deficit/Surplus	0	0	(\$32,876)

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

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PASSAGES

BIRTHDAYS

5/01 Isabelle Appleyard, Laura Koch, Sarah Fisher
5/03 Inga Bullock, Mary Guzik
5/05 Bettina Caldwell, Brian Goss, Christian Joens, William Matthews, John Oatney
5/06 Tyler Haney
5/07 Timothy Bryant
5/09 John Anderson, Maude Truesdell
5/10 Marilyn Douglas
5/11 Phyllis Brim
5/12 Susan Isard, Amie Woolever
5/13 Kathryn Boyle, Theodore Morrison, Laura Poske
5/14 Zacchery Burns, Rylie Lowery
5/15 Robert Laux
5/16 Bayden Flaig

5/17 Marie Mulkern
5/18 Christopher DeGiulio, Jack Durbin
5/19 Andrew Angel, Victoria Bennett, Bruce Simpson
5/20 Julie Timmer
5/21 Christine Goss
5/23 Mary Jo Crane, Violet Kalman, Virginia Turza
5/24 Charlie Groover
5/25 Gregory Stuber
5/26 Victoria Bell, Benjamin LeBlanc, Connor Nolan
5/27 Lindsay Culp
5/28 Richard Audi
5/29 Joseph Cwiek
5/30 Alexander Green, Alayna Ritter

ANNIVERSARIES

5/08 Eric & Tammie Lowery, 5 years
5/09 Kevin & Margaret Green, 12 years
5/13 Brian and Nikki Goss, 4 years
5/14 Jack & Luceil Pedler, 55 years
5/23 Kevin & Sandra Garrison, 6 years
5/25 Roland & Karen Kaven, 3 years
5/29 George & Virginia Ebling, 64 years

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Mother Teresa

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