

the Courier

THE NEWSLETTER OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

From the Assistant Rector

Once heard of a church that brought truckloads of sand into the front of their sanctuary during the season of Lent. With it they created a desert, in which they lived and worshipped for those forty days, until the desert dramatically "burst into bloom" for Easter Sunday.

Unsurprisingly, the altar guild and the sexton are still picking sand out of things, so many years later, so I can't say that I am tempted to reenact this liturgical innovation any time soon (frankly, it has "clergy death wish" written all over it!). But there is something to be said about this vivid enactment of Lent not just as a time but as a place. Confronted by sand dunes around the altar, we might begin to understand Lent not simply as a series of weeks leading up to Easter, but as a strange country that we enter for forty days, not knowing what we will encounter or who we might be when we reach the other side.

Forty, as many of you know, is a number loaded with significance. Forty is a journey into the unknown, away from the comfortable familiarity of your previous life. Granted, it might have been slavery the Israelites left behind, but at some point during those forty years they traveled the desert, they began to yearn for those familiar chains. Noah's family escaped the coming flood, but to do so, they had to walk into a crowded and stinking ark. Moses left his people at the foot of the mountain, and climbed alone into the thick clouds at the summit. Jesus was led (some say driven) out into the wilderness to pray and fast before his ministry began in earnest. All of them walked away from what they knew, into a strange new country. Each of them trusting that this encounter with the new would also be a new and deeper encounter with God.

Courage, then, might be an appropriate Lenten discipline: the practice of stepping beyond the
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RESERVE YOUR WEDNESDAY EVENINGS; VIA MEDIA IS HERE

In November, a Via Media training program was held here, sponsored by the Diocese of Michigan and Christ Church. Via Media is an eight-week series of meetings that explores the basics of Christian faith and specific aspects of the Anglican way. Beginning during the Lenten Season, each session includes a meal, beginning at 5:45pm; a video presentation



that features a round-table discussion on the subject of the night by noted Anglican pastors, theologians and lay people; and small-group time where questions are welcomed and discussed. Seven of our members were present for the training program, along with the Clergy. This program is the foundation

of our Lenten program and will be an ongoing part of our Adult Formation and perhaps our newcomer incorporation program as well.

Classical Anglicanism centers our life as a church together in worship, community and outreach rather than rigid confessional statements or strict moral codes. The "Via Media", or "Middle Way," has been a hallmark of Anglican theology, spirituality and worship for centuries and holds that choosing the broad middle path between extremes is a deliberate choice to further God's purposes in the world. Scripture, Tradition and Reason are all valued in the Anglican tradition and are used as counter-balancing sources of authority.

What are the topics to be discussed and when?

Session 1: Wednesday, February 16th - 5:45 to 8 PM

Via Media: An Anglican Way of Being Christian

Session 2: Wednesday, February 23th - 5:45 to 8 PM

God and Creation: The Abundance of God's Goodness

Session 3: Wednesday, March 2nd - 5:45 to 8 PM

God in Jesus: An Incarnational Faith

Session 4: Wednesday, March 9th - 5:45 to 8 PM

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MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION!!!

February 6, following the 10a.m. service

"Enhanced Coffee Hour"

Games and prizes for kids, young and old,

face painting, balloon animals and more!

From the Assistant Rector

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comfortable and familiar, into what strange country lies beyond. Trusting that God will be there to greet us in new and perhaps surprising ways.

Which is why the timing of Via Media's arrival at Christ Church is so perfect: it invites us into a place that will be unfamiliar to many of us. Education programs we are used to; fellowship we know how to negotiate; but an honest conversation exploring our life and faith might well be unknown (and perhaps unsteady) territory. And then to think that any and each of us will have something to add to a theological discussion? Well, now I'm just talking crazy.

I'm not, of course. And the fact that so many of us will have the chance to discover that I'm not over the course of the next few months excites me greatly. Because I know, really know, that those of you who haven't had the opportunity for such a conversation in the past will find it exhilarating ... profound ... enlivening ... transformative. True, it might be a little frightening at first—and could continue to be so, as you proceed to uncover new depths, further layers of trust, and unexpected encounters with the sacred. But without fear, we can have no courage. Without engaging the unknown, we cannot be transformed. Without taking that first step, we cannot journey through this strange new land called Lent.

I hope that many of our community, and those we invite to join us, will enter into this Via Media journey this Lent and beyond. I pray that we will take hold of the promise of the sacred stories, which tell us that when we leave the familiar behind, we are particularly open to the presence and voice of God.

Forty days in a strange land. Who knows who we might be when we reach the other side? I, for one, am looking forward to finding out.

**The Via Media program to be explored during Lent is detailed on the front page of this issue.*

In peace, Clare

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS - CONTINUED

God the Holy Spirit: The Breath of New Life

Session 5: Wednesday, March 16th - 5:45 to 8 PM

The Bible: The Word of God for the People of God

Session 6: Wednesday, April 2nd - 5:45 to 8 PM

Sin: Roadblocks to Abundant Life

Session 7: Wednesday, April 27th - 5:45 to 8 PM

Thy Kingdom Come: The Promise of Christian Hope

Session 8: Wednesday, May 11th - 5:45 to 8 PM

So, What?

What if I can't make them all? Come to whatever portion you can. Each unit is somewhat self-contained. **I'm concerned - I don't know much about church or the Bible or Jesus.** That's fine! The program is designed to let you learn and explore in a non-threatening, educational and entertaining way. **Where is this going to be held?** The parish hall. **I have other questions....** That's great. You are welcome to e-mail questions to: dan@christchurchdearborn.org. You can also call the church office at 313.565-8450. I hope to see you as we break new ground with Via Media at Christ Episcopal Church.

ADULT FORUM GUIDE FOR FEBRUARY

Come join us in the Undercroft after the 10am Sunday Worship service for fellowship and informative and interesting conversation on the following topics:

February 6 - Enjoy the Mardi Gras festivities!

February 13 - Dr. Camron Amin, "The Project for The New American Century and the Middle East." Just returning from a trip to Iran, Dr. Amin, assistant professor of history at University of Michigan, Dearborn, will be discussing a 1998 letter to Former President Bill Clinton from members of Project for the New American Century concerning our foreign policy toward Iraq and the Middle East. Copies of the letter are available outside the church office and at: www.newamericancentury.org/iraqclintonletter.html

February 20 Special guests: Brenda Rosenberg, Eide Alawan, and Steve Spreitzer - The Children of Abraham & Interfaith Partners. Come hear these three discuss and describe an incredible undertaking that will come to fruition Monday, February 28, at 7 pm at the Ford Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. *For details on this presentation, in play and dialogue format, see page three of this newsletter.*

February 27 First of a 3-Part Series: "Groundwork - Digging Deep for Change and Growth." Exploring an approach to Episcopal evangelism that responds to the needs of people to whom we have not previously reached out. In what creative and proactive ways might we include particular groups of people in our congregational life?

THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM PROJECT

Monday, February 28, 2005 7pm
Ford Performing Arts Center, Dearborn

The internationally-acclaimed Mosaic Youth of Detroit led by founder Rick Sperling, has partnered with executive producer and interfaith activist Brenda Naomi Rosenberg, playwright Rachel Urist, and the NCCJ's Interfaith Partners to create a powerful new peace initiative that utilizes the creative arts of drama, music, improvisation, and interactive dialogue, "The Children of Abraham Project." For more than two months Muslim, Jewish and Christian teens from metro Detroit came together to discuss their lives, their fears, and the possibility of peace between their three religions. Results of those powerful conversations are more than a new play... "The Children of Abraham Project" is a



ray of hope. This fictional retelling, inspired by the story of Abraham and his two sons Isaac and Ishmael, provides a framework for exploring the bonds that bring these religions together and the conflicts, which keep them apart. From the unique viewpoint of young people, new light is shed on these centuries-old issues.

"The Children of Abraham Project" is a creative response to show how it is possible to break down the long-standing barriers of prejudice and hate. The play and dialogue gives us an opportunity to bring together audiences of both teens and adults in our community. NCCJ Interfaith Partners will be bringing together interactive dialogue experience on how reconciliation and peace between all Abraham's children is possible. It also provides an opportunity to bring together diverse religious and cultural organizations to support the project, many partnering for the first time.

Sponsors for the performance include the City of Dearborn and the Ford Performing Arts Center, the Dearborn Ministerial Association and the Youth Committee of St. Paul Lutheran (ELCA) Church, Dearborn.

VESTRY REFLECTION

By Diana Brehob

In spite of the weather, the 138th Annual Meeting of Christ Episcopal Church, Dearborn was the best attended meeting that I've witnessed in years. It is wonderful to be among so many people who care deeply about the welfare of Christ Church. I'm sure there were others who were among us in spirit, but found the weather intimidating. Was it the "enhanced" coffee hour, the kids begging to participate in the Science Alive program, or our deep commitment to Christ Church that kept us there?

While many things were discussed, much of the discussion dealt with the budget and prioritization. I encourage you to read the Annual report to gain a sense of the breadth of the programs at Christ Church.

There is a strong feeling, expressed at the meeting and previously, that we want to grow at Christ Church. In support of that, we have chosen not to cut back our programs. In particular, there was concern, as voiced by the Vestry in several communications, that the Assistant Rector position would need to be trimmed back to balance the budget. Instead, we are looking forward to growing our programs and have accepted a deficit budget to support that vision. Some feel comfortable working in the realm of a faith-based budget noting that we have been in similar deficit situations, particularly in the last few years, and have managed to meet our commitments. Others feel comfortable with this decision because we have bequest monies that have not yet been disbursed and can be tapped at the end of the year should the need arise. Some individuals have expressed a level of moderate concern with a deficit budgeting approach.

There are differing sensibilities, also, about how much of our income the church should be giving to groups outside Christ Church. There is no question that we are giving away less, financially, than we had hoped to, based on our undesignated bequest guidelines. However, some noted that we are generous with our facility by allowing various groups to utilize the space, our gift giving efforts (Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas gift giving), our service activities at homeless shelters and soup kitchens, and our consistent contribution of our apportionment to the diocese and CESA. Thus, while we are giving away less than we'd like on a purely monetary basis, we remain a generous congregation in many ways.

A range of opinions was expressed indicating the direction that individual members would like to see Christ Church heading. Regardless of these individual differences, we have decided, in community, on a vision for Christ Church in the coming year. I praise God to be among so many who are deeply engaged in the work of the church and have put their individual preferences aside to be part of the greater community.

OUR MISSION

Seeking unity with God and one another through Christ, we:

- Commit to the spiritual growth and deepening discipleship of all our members;
- Welcome and promote fellowship with all people seeking a relationship with God;
- Value all generations in our congregation; and
- Live out Christ's command to love one another through acts of service to each other and all those in need.

JOIN US

MARDI GRAS

Sunday, February 6, 11:30PM
Annual Mardi Gras celebration will be held after the 10 am service, with an "Enhanced Coffee Hour." Enjoy games and prizes for kids, young and old, face painting, balloon animals and more. Contact Erika Morrison, 313.791.2709, if you would like to make a Kings Cake and need a recipe. Also, help is needed for decorating on Saturday, February 5, Noon - 2 pm.

PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 8, 5:30-7PM
Chapel Day Preschool will host their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper for the whole family. Adults: \$4, Seniors: \$3, and Children: \$2. Come for pancakes, sausage and fun!

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Wednesday, February 9, 7am / Noon / 7:30pm
Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist service and Imposition of Ashes

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

"NOT NECESSARILY RELIGIOUS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP"

Tuesday, February 22, 7:30PM
The Not Necessarily Religious Book Discussion Group will be discussing the Pulitzer Prize-winning book, Middlesex: A Novel by Jeffrey Eugenides, on Tuesday, February 22 at 7:30 PM in the Lounge. Please note the date change due to Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers. The book is about a hermaphrodite from Grosse Pointe who is raised as a girl but whose adult life is spent

as a man. Please join us to discuss this book or just about anything else you'd like to discuss. A complete list of the books that we have discussed is available in the Church Library as well as on the Christ Church website.

THE ADULT FORUMS

Sundays, 11:30AM-12:15PM
See page 2 for details
February 6
No Forum due to Mardi Gras
February 13
Dr. Camron Amin, "The Project for The New American Century and the Middle East"
February 20
Brenda Rosenburg, Eide Alawant, and Steve Spreitzer to speak on the Children of Abraham Project and Interfaith Partners.
February 27
Groundwork ~ Digging Deep for Change and Growth and Change

MEETINGS

ST. MARTHA'S GUILD

Tuesday, February 8, 12:00PM
Due to the lack of chairmen, this will be an informal social meeting. Those attending will be asked to bring their lunch, including a dessert. The beverage will be provided. Please bring a valentine to exchange.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

PRAYER ROOM

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

CHURCH SCHOOL

Sundays, 11:30AM
Bible stories, singing and crafts for children preschool-aged to 9.

JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD

Sundays, 11:30am-12:15pm
Coordinators: Jerry Behm & Monica McLeod

RITE 13

Two groups for youth ages 11-13 are meeting. Call Susan Gregg or Dale Taylor at 277.1975 for more information on Group 1 which enters their 2nd year. Group 2 is being

led by Erika Morrison 791.2709 and Curt Ritter 259.2296.

MUSIC MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Sundays, 9am
Choir for elementary school-aged children. Meets in Rm 213.

HANDBELL CHOIR

Wednesdays, 6:30PM

ADULT CHOIR

Thursdays, 7:30PM (Childcare)

CHILDREN'S LENTEN SOUP SUPPER PROGRAM

This year the children's Lenten Soup Supper Program will be 'With This Heart, With These Hands'. The program will be held every week during Lent on Wednesday evenings (beginning February 16) from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. immediately following the soup supper. The children's program will encompass art and service this year, ranging from: a project in which the children share their vision of Christ Church in a banner they will make for display; to exploring the church and their place in it through photography. It promises to be a fun and rewarding experience so please encourage children ages 3-14 to join us!

At this time, we need one more person to volunteer as a Team Leader for the children's program to work with a multi-age team of children on the projects. Ideally the team leader will be available for all five of the program evenings. We also need assistants for the program - so if you can help one Wednesday evening or all five, please contact Kevin Green 313.792.9839 or Susan Ward 313.791-0483.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE & Healing 6:30 Energy Healing 7:00 BoyScouts	2 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Cycling Saddlemen 7:30 AA	3 11:30 AA 7:30 Choir	4 6:30 Grief Support	5 12:00-1:30 AA
6 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Childrens Choir 10:00 Prayer Room Mardi Gras Party	7 10:00 Senior Exercise 8:00 AA	8 Shrove Tues 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE 12:00 St. Martha's 6:00 Pancake Supper 6:30 Energy Healing 7:00 BoyScouts	9 Ash Wed 7 & 12 HE, ashes 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Property Meet 7:30 HE, ashes Christ Church Detroit Overnighter 7:30 AA	10 11:30 AA 7:30 Choir	11	12 12:00-1:30 AA
13 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Childrens Choir 10:00 Prayer Room 11:30 ChurchSchool, Rite 13, Forum 1:00 Vestry 4:00 Discipleship Gp	14 10:00 Senior Exercise 8:00 AA	15 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE 6:30 Energy Healing 7:00 Finance, Scouts, Service Comm	16 1:00 Library Meet 5:45 Soup Supper Via Media 7:30 AA	17 11:30 AA 6:00 Scout Troop 1147 Blue & Gold Banquet 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Choir	18 6:30 Grief Support	19 12:00-1:30 AA
20 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Childrens Choir 10:00 Prayer Room 11:30 ChurchSchool, Rite 13, Forum	21 Presidents day Office closed 8:00 AA	22 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE 6:30 Energy Healing 7:00 BoyScouts 7:30 Book Club	23 5:45 Soup Supper Via Media 7:30 AA	24 11:30 AA 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Choir	25	26 12:00-1:30 AA
27 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Childrens Choir 10:00 Prayer Room 11:30 ChurchSchool, Rite 13, Forum	28 10:00 Senior Exercise 8:00 AA					

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6

ACOLYTES R GREEN, E SALLMAN, E BREHOB
 USHERS (8:00AM) K GOSS
 (10AM) TEAM 3 - PIERNICK, J GROOVER,
 PROKOPP, KEDZO
 LECTOR/LEM (8:00AM) A JOHNSON
 (10:00AM) N. LEHNERT, R GROOVER,
 M A ZAWADA
 ALTAR GUILD I BEHM, L PEDLER, J PIERNICK
 LEVs M PELLEGRINO, M SHELTON
 VPOD S WARD
 SUNDAY READINGS: THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
 EXODUS 24:15-18; PSALM 99;
 PHILLIPIANS 3:7-14; MATTHEW 17:1-9

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

USHERS TBD
 LECTOR/LEM (7:30PM) D PETTS, A JOHNSON, M SALLMAN
 READINGS: JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17; PSALM 103:8-14;
 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20B-6:10;
 MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13

ACOLYTES A GREEN, A PIERNICK, J PELLEGRINO
 USHERS (8AM) D BAKER SR
 (10AM) TEAM 4 - D HIPP, M HIPP, MATTHEWS,
 OATNEY, MILLS
 LECTOR/LEM (8AM) M SALLMAN
 (10AM) M SOMERVILLE, E SIMPSON, B HALL
 ALTAR GUILD K HIPP, L CONKLIN, A JOHNSON
 LEVs J ANDERSON, B HALL
 VPOD R GROOVER
 SUNDAY READINGS: THE 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT
 GENESIS 2:4B-9, 15-17, 25-3:7; PSALM 51:1-13;
 ROMANS 5:12-19; MATTHEW 4:1-11

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20

ACOLYTES K NORTON, C KAPPAUF, T LEDUC
 USHERS (8AM) L CRANE
 (10AM) TEAM 1 - BAKER, KB MATTHEWS, GARRIS
 (8AM) M SOMERVILLE
 (10AM) M PIERNICK, M AMIS, D BREHOB
 ALTAR GUILD E COGHILL, B CALDWELL, L LEDUC,
 G MORRISON
 LEVs S QUAIN, D LeBLANC
 VPOD R SOMERVILLE
 SUNDAY READINGS: THE 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT
 GENESIS 12:1-8; PSALM 33:12-22;
 ROMANS 4:1-5'13-17; JOHN 3:1-17

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27

ACOLYTES S MATTHEWS, A JOENS, E HINES
 USHERS (8AM) G EBLING
 (10AM) TEAM 2 - LUDWIG, BRIM,
 SALLMAN, LEDUC
 LECTOR/LEM (8AM) E SIMPSON
 (10AM) B SIMPSON, D CARDWELL, B HALL
 ALTAR GUILD S McCULLEN, E BOYAR, K GREEN, A GREEN
 LEVs S MULKERN, L GRAY
 VPOD K GREEN, J CULP
 SUNDAY READINGS: THE 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT
 EXODUS 17:1-7; PSALM 95:6-11;
 ROMANS 5:1-11; JOHN 4:5-26, 39-42



SERVICE SCHEDULE

IN OUR MAIL BOX

"PLEASE GIVE THE PEOPLE OF CHRIST CHURCH MY BEST!"

It is wonderful when they come out with communion to be with me. And let them know I read this book. I am trying to share it out here, but it's something they know about! It tells us just to be nice to each other. Just be nice! And, then maybe you get to like each other. And, then maybe love isn't far away! Maybe. But, just be nice to one another!"

A message from Bob MacDonald, during a Christmas visit. Bob has had Alzheimer's for years and is living at the Chelsea Retirement Center.

DEAR PEOPLE OF CHRIST CHURCH:

On behalf of the students, faculty and Board of the Whitaker School of Theology, I would like to thank you for your support of the programs of the School. The budget of the Whitaker School is separate from the Diocesan budget and relies on tuitions and donations from individuals like you. ... Your donation of \$750 helps us immeasurably.

Faithfully, Denise B. Crenshaw,
Dean of the Whitaker School and
Assistant to the Bishop for Christian Formation

DEAR FRIENDS OF HABITAT:

On behalf of Habitat for Humanity Detroit, thank you for your generous donation. Your contribution is used to support our programs as we build simple, decent affordable housing in partnership with those who lack adequate shelter. Your investment ensures that our families achieve a better quality of life for themselves and their children. We have been very busy completing the last of seven homes on the eastside, right next to our Operations Center as well as eight new homes in Tri-Centennial Village in Southwest Detroit. ... Your gift is a real blessing.

In Partnership,
Robert L. Dewaelsche, Executive Director

THE POOR ... GIVE TO US MORE THAN WHAT WE CAN GIVE TO THEM.

A story told by Mother Teresa in HEART OF JOY (Servant Books, 1987). This is her story:

...[W]e went through the streets of Calcutta and picked up four or five persons. Given their conditions, we took them to the House of the Dying. Among them was an old woman who was very seriously ill....

When I laid her on the bed, she took my hand, and a wonderful smile appeared on her face. She uttered one single word, "Thanks," and she died. This woman gave me much more than I gave her. She offered me her grateful love.

Just for a second I stared at her and wondered, "What would I have done in her place?" I answered to myself, "I would have done all I could to attract attention to myself. I would have cried, "I'm hungry," "I'm cold," or "I'm dying." She instead was so great, so splendid in her generosity.

The poor – and I'll never get tired of saying this – are wonderful.

...May we all be guilty of having hearts that bleed so profusely.

FINANCIAL CORNER

Income & Expenses as of December 31, 2004

	YTD Actual Total	2004 Budget
Income (Pledges & Offerings)	\$359,065	\$372,761
Other	\$53,483	\$23,700
Total Operating Income	\$412,548	\$396,461
Less Operating Expenses	\$(433,744)	\$452,600
Surplus / Deficit	\$(21,196)	
	(\$56,139)	

ETC.

CALLING ALL TECHIES

On Saturday and Sunday, February 12 and 13, we are looking for a group of techies to help us upgrade the various work stations in the office to Windows XP and to re-install some software programs. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail Dan at: dan@christchurchdearborn.org

And while I have the Techies attention...a very short Christ Church Wish list follows:

A PC with a pentium 3 processor or better (for Margaret Haas' office).

STAYING CONNECTED

We are working to keep you in the loop! To receive up-to-date information on your parish family and activities, Christ Church is establishing an email contact list. We make every attempt to keep people informed by the Communicator and announcements each Sunday, but events that occur within the week sometimes do not reach everyone. Help us gather this key information by sending Jan an email at office@christchurchdearborn.org today! This list is for our parish use only and will not be distributed.

And to stay up-to-date with Diocesan events, subscribe (at no cost) to Checkpoint Connections, a weekly email publication from the Diocese of Michigan, via the internet at: www.edomi.org/checkpoint/signup.php

CHRIST CHURCH WELCOMES NEW MINISTRY

If you have been paying attention, you will have noticed that Christ Church has several new acolytes. They have been serving as torchbearers and helping out at the altar since last Fall. On Sunday, February 6, we will welcome them to this ministry in a service of installation at the 10:00 service. New acolytes who will be installed are Andrew Behm, Lindsay Culp, Alex Green, Alex Joens, Katelyn Norton, and Joseph Swiecicki.

In the next few weeks, experienced acolytes will be trained to be Servers. They will assist the priests and lay eucharistic ministers at the altar during the Eucharist. Those acolytes-whom we thank for carrying out their responsibilities with such faithfulness-are Emily Brehob, Rebecca Green, Joshua Groover, Elizabeth Hines, Collin Kappauf, Tom LeDuc, Scott Matthews, Jessica Pellegrino, Adam Piernick, Emily Sallman, and Melanie Swiecicki.

We want to thank David Piernick for his work as an acolyte. He is moving on to a new ministry-that of usher. Thank you, David, for all your good work and for the gifts you have given Christ Church through your ministry as acolyte.

~The Rev. Margaret Haas

FAST AND FEAST

Arthur Lichtenberg, when presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, quoted this Lenten advice:

- Fast from criticism, and feast on praise.
- Fast from self-pity, and feast on joy.
- Fast from ill-temper, and feast on peace.
- Fast from resentment, and feast on contentment.
- Fast from jealousy, and feast on love.



BRIEFLY

CONGREGATIONAL CRISIS TEAM TRAINING

An interactive workshop will be offered to help develop a crisis team in our congregation to minister to our church and community when disaster strikes. There will be no cost to the participants. Dates and location are listed below:

Friday, April 8, 2005

5:30 - 9pm

and

Saturday, April 9, 2005

9am to 3pm

St. Paul Lutheran Church
21915 Beech St., Dearborn

The enrollment includes manuals, lunch and refreshments. Please be prepared to attend both sessions. Call Mary Ann Zawada, 274.5206, if you are interested in participating or need additional information.

LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER AND MEDITATION

"In Spirit and in Truth: Women Drawing from the Well," sponsored by the Episcopal Women's Caucus and the Episcopal Church Women will be held Saturday, March 19, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at St. John's, Plymouth. The prayer leader will be Rosemary Sullivan. The cost of \$10

includes lunch. Contact Bonnie Anderson,

PASSAGES

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

2/01 David Griffiths, Nancy Kreager,
Oliver Angel, Quinn Ukrainec
2/02 Brooke Hofmann
2/03 Diana Brehob, Meredith
Brehob, Paul Gray, Benjamin
Youngheim
2/05 Hannah Whalen, Pat Snyder
2/07 Wanda Gowing, Elaine Prince
Jennifer Sawicki
2/09 Joseph Lowery, Irene Piernick

2/10 Dorothy Ludwig, Mike Nichols,
Roger Somerville,
Shirley Wever, Valerie Whalen
2/13 Nancy Lowery
2/14 Carol Nini, Marie Schmidt
2/15 Keith Copper, Gloria Green,
Janet Prince
2/16 Joe Youngheim
2/18 Samantha Opolsky
2/19 Richard Audi, Claudine Bauer,
Kenneth Koch
2/20 Noah Flaig, Blake Games,
Rodney Linton, Stephanie

2/21 Mulkern, Nicholas Pellegrino
2/22 Margaret Kirk, Phyllis Solberg
2/22 Rebecca Green
2/23 John Logan
2/25 Leonard Prokopp
2/26 Katherine Joens
2/27 Caroline Serfass
2/28 Abigail Baker, Helen Moran
2/29 Christopher Sawicki

DEATHS

Mohammad Yacoobi
Jack Durbin

PERIODICAL

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PERIODICAL
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SHROVE TUESDAY

Chapel Day's Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 8

5:30-7:00 pm

Prices: Adults: \$5.00

Seniors: \$ 3.00 and

Children: \$2.00

JOIN US FOR PANCAKES, SAU-
SAGE AND SOME FUN!

Holy Eucharist
and Imposition of Ashes

7am Chapel

Noon Chapel

7:30 Church

ASH Wednesday

Staff

The Rev. Daniel S. Appleyard, Rector
The Rev. Clare L. Oatney, Assistant Rector
The Rev. Margaret A. Haas, Assistant Rector
Ben Kedzo, Assistant Sexton
Bob Smith, Sexton
Jan Timpko, Parish Administrator
Sally Timpner, Communications Coordinator
Jung Yoo, Organist
Sean Jackman, Choir Director
Tess Dowgiallo, Children's Choir Director

Vestry

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