

## Budget concerns dominate the discussion at Annual Meeting

In the wake of staff and budget category reductions, it came as no surprise that finances took center stage at the Annual Meeting on January 22. The meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall after a combined 9:00am service and a tasty breakfast.

Despite reductions in various budget categories and a freeze in staff salaries, expenses in 2006 are still expected to exceed projected income by more than \$5,000, said Jamie Connelly, Vestry liaison to the Finance Committee, in his presentation of the budget. He noted the budget, totaling \$412,717, also reflects an anticipated \$10,000 increase in utilities expenses.

After a lengthy discussion that included a challenge that members bring more energy to their roles in the church, comments on the ethical injustice of making such significant salary cuts, and defeat of a proposed amendment to increase the budget by \$50,000, meeting attendees adopted the 2006 budget.

In addition to adoption of the budget, nominees for vestry positions were approved. Stephanie Mulkern and Anthony Johnson won three-year terms ending 2009 and

Sine Cookman was elected to a two-year term ending 2008. In the days following the meeting, the vestry also elected Carrie Serfass to a three-year term ending 2009. They replace outgoing members Jane Culp, Susan Ward and Roger Somerville. Susan Ward will serve as the new treasurer, while Maggie Pellegrino assumes the role of recording secretary.

An encouraging report was given by the Mutual Ministry Review Committee, which thanked the many church members who give so much of their time, energy and resources to the ministries of Christ Church. The Common Vision Committee also presented a report detailing their work over the past six months and announced the church's theme of Fellowship in 2006 as a means of nurturing relationships and community.

THE YEAR OF  
FELLOWSHIP:  
Building  
Community  
with Open  
Hearts

## Experiencing fellowship with Lutherans

Rather than hosting our own Wednesday night soup supper this year, we are pleased to extend an invitation from the people of St. Paul's Lutheran Church (at Monroe and Beech in Dearborn) to share with them in their Wednesday night supper and worship service during Lent.

These evenings promise to be a wonderful opportunity for the communities to come together and get to know one another, by sharing food

and a reflective time of prayer. What could be better?

Beginning March 8, we will begin each Wednesday at 6:15pm with a Lenten meal provided by St. Paul's, and then at 7:00pm move into a service of "Holden Evening Prayer:" a meditative and lovely version of Evensong. This will be a wonderful way to enter into the season of Lent, and we hope many of our congregation will respond to this generous and heartfelt invitation.

If you can't make it Wednesday

evenings, then perhaps you can join the Sunday afternoon study group for Marcus Borg's *The Heart of Christianity*. This will also be done cooperatively between the two churches, but will be hosted at Christ Church.

All told, this Lent could well be the beginning of a greatly enriching relationship.

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More on Lent

# FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

One of the topics that is common to the season after Epiphany is the “Kingdom of Heaven” or the “Kingdom of God.” We heard about it at the end of last month in the opening salvo from Mark’s Gospel at Jesus’ baptism and the topic will surface again in ways that challenge many of our pre-conceived notions of our faith.

Most people think of the “kingdom of heaven” as something very far off, coming with death, a place of rest. Most people think of the “kingdom of this world” as someplace here and now, immediately recognizable to all. But, whenever Jesus speaks of the kingdom of God, he envisions a place in time, both near and far off – where, we, the children of God are the peacemakers; where all are comforted; where the gospel of love is the salt and the light of the world; and where God’s reconciling grace permeates all people and indeed our whole planet.

The kingdom of God in our faith is a kingdom in this world, yet not entirely of this world. It is a place in time where humanity’s brokenness – its anger and pride, lust and falsehood – are healed in God’s love. Jesus tells us that the kingdom is the goal and vision for all of our ministries in this life. They are challenging words – words that hold up a tension that Jesus asks us all to live in – a tension in faith and in this world. To make these words comforting or reassuring is to almost mock them and to live them out as individuals or as a community is difficult at best.

Some of you remember that a few years ago I reluctantly succumbed to middle age myopia and bought bifocals. My glasses were ground into

two very different types of lenses. The lower portion allows me to see things more clearly close up, while the upper portions help me to see things far away. These glasses do not have the sharp horizontal line of most bifocals; there is a gradual shift in the lens to take care of my peculiar vision needs. Of course, it took a few days for me to adapt, but now I have learned to tilt my head in order to focus on things close up and far way in an almost seamless transition.

One of the things we wrestled with at our Annual Meeting on January 22, was that, like my bifocals, we need to keep our vision for the church both near and far off. We need to keep two perspectives, if you will. First, from the vantage point of practicing ministry as members of an institution; and, secondly, as living as disciples in a community of faith. We need to use both sets of very different lenses to see clearly the role and relevance of each vision.

As an institution, our near-sightedness informs us that the Episcopal Church is steeped in tradition and history, with an apostolic structure built upon creeds and beliefs of an age-old church. These things order our common life and help our community stay focused. From this institutional perspective, we, the laity and the clergy, are expected to build and strengthen the ministry of this church using the skills and tools of the world.

But there is another view of the church that sees it as not just another business or organization to fix with strategic plans, money and sound management principles. We are the people of God, sent out in Christ’s name to usher in God’s kingdom on earth. We are a people forming and reforming our communities in uncertain awe, in faith and in the mysterious love of Jesus Christ. Here, we are asked to feed the hungry, comfort those who mourn, be with those in pain and help the poor regardless of the cost. We are called out to be the most unlikely of servants, broken and empty, vessels of God’s grace, lights of God’s love in our

time. We, a wounded people, minister to a wounded world.

Most of us view the church through one or the other of these lenses. Seldom do we consistently view it through both! Too often, and especially on the day of the annual meeting, we focus on the institutional church that is near. It probably seems the easier one to struggle with, or at least is the one crying out for the most attention. We get caught up in seeing the institution — its upkeep, traditions and liturgies, size, influence and standing in our community — as our priority, as our own private, kingdom of God.

But, we can also get too caught up in the distant kingdom, in our own individualized quest for the kingdom. We can get carried away with our individual ministries – our priorities. And we can forget that God’s wisdom and supporting spirit is always found in our corporate life together as it is discerned over the ages.

The Rev. Dr. James C. Fenhagen, former Director of the Cornerstone Project, suggests that all of us are caught in the tension between these two visions of the church. In his new book, entitled “Ministry for a New Time: A Case Study for Change”, Jim states that the primary strength of authentic Christian leadership comes “not from without, but from within, where a sustained connection has been made with Jesus, the Christ. Without this rootedness in Christ, the institution of the church withers and the people of the community are fragmented.”

I have faith that by tilting our heads, we will be able to respond in creative ways of being the church in this day and age. I have hope that by turning our hearts to God and each other with love and compassion, we will come see the new vision of who God wants us to become in this community and in the world.

Faithfully Yours,

Daniel

## Embracing change as the creative work of God in our world



When it comes to the debate over Evolution versus Intelligent Design, even as a Christian, I have to cast my vote for Evolution. It just makes too much sense to me, and it does not conflict with my faith in a creative God.

But I can see why some Christians would not like Evolution. Evolution is change on a macro scale, and who likes change on any scale, let alone something as all-encompassing as species change?

I wasn't happy when Dearborn Heights changed trash days on me. I can't stand it when we have to change the time on the clocks (although "fall back" isn't too bad, I will admit). Can you imagine the angst primate parents must have felt when their babies started being born without prehensile tails? ("What! No tail?! Oh, how will Junior swing from trees?") Or how about when babies began to be born with these strange thumbs that move in all sorts of bizarre ways? Of what possible use could that be?

Change is unsettling while we're in the midst of it, but how many of us would be willing to trade in our opposable thumb for a tail? Anyone really clamoring to give up their three-bedroom brick bungalow for living in a treetop? I didn't think so.

Our church is changing. And I'm not speaking of our church in the abstract "Episcopal," or even "Diocesan," sense. I am talking about the church we all call our church: Christ Episcopal Church. The changes are happening in small and large ways, and in ways that are hard to quantify.

For example, as I write this there will be three members leaving the vestry and new members replacing them. What this will mean to the overall shape of the vestry, only time will tell. In addition, we have more personnel change as Margaret Haas ends her ministry with us. She certainly will be missed and we wish her all the best on her future endeavors. And as for Clare, we know that she will

be with us for at least another year, but beyond that no one can truly say for sure.

No one, least of all me, likes to talk about spirituality and money in the same conversation, but the fact of the matter is that all the economic changes in Michigan's primary industry are affecting our little enclave. We are operating under a deficit budget. For us to make it through the year will require change: either more change in personnel or in the way we do things. I believe we need to change how we raise money. Our reliance on the way it's always been done may not be serving us as well as it has in the past. It's time to evolve.

The one thing about change that is hard to focus on when in the midst of it is that change is growth. Certainly there is anxiety and sadness that can come along with that growth, but once you are through it, there is so much potential and possibility that the pain is quickly overshadowed.

I feel that this is the way it can be for us. We now have the opportunity to look at our issues in a new way. We can be creative in our approach to issues such as finance, staffing, service, education and fellowship. We can because we are part of a living and creative God. His energy is our energy. Embrace it and let it help you not merely weather the change, but direct it instead.

I do not wish to open a theological can of worms, but here's my take on things: God continues to create, because God is creative. All things change. It's supposed to be that way. We cannot always see the point of the change, let alone where the change is headed, but the best thing for us to do is to figure out how to make this change work for us.

*All change is a miracle to contemplate; but it is a miracle which is taking place every second.*

*Henry David Thoreau*

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## JOIN US

### Shrove Tuesday Supper

Tuesday, Feb, 28, 5:00-7:00PM  
Chapel Day Preschool board members host the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper for the entire family.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### Breakfast Bunch

Sundays, 9AM  
Meets after the 8:00am service at Leon's Restaurant in Dearborn.

### St. Mary's of Bethany Prayer Group

Tuesdays, 10AM  
Intercessory prayer offered for the needs of those on our current and sustaining prayer lists. All welcome.

### The Adult Forums

Sundays, 11:30AM-12:15PM  
Feb. 5 The Immaculate Conception and Other Popular Mis-conceptions (Kevin Green)  
Feb. 12 Journey of Faith with Guest Preacher, Mark Jenkins  
Feb. 19 Intelligent Design (Paul Vandervert and John Porter)  
Feb. 26 "Huh?!" A Bible Study (Todd Kappauf)

### Via Media

Sunday, Feb. 12, 5:00-7:00PM  
The last of a series that explores the basics of Christian faith and specific aspects of the Anglican way. Potluck - church provides dessert and beverages. Childcare provided.

## MEETINGS

### St. Martha's Guild

Tuesday, February 14, 12:00PM  
This month the Guild celebrates LOVE. You're invited to bring one of the most beautiful cards you've received for Valentine's Day, a Birthday, Easter, Sweetest Day or any other special day. There will be a vote or drawing for the loveliest and funniest. A surprise gift will be awarded. Love birds Luceil & Jack Pedler will host this meeting, providing dessert, beverages and lots of sweet treats.

## Not Necessarily Religious Book Discussion Group

Wed., February 15, 7:30PM  
The Book Group will discuss *Gilead: A Novel* by Marilynne Robinson. At only 256 pages in paperback, we hope many people will be able to complete it before the meeting, although doing so is not a prerequisite to joining the meeting. Group Contact: Kevin Green - 313.792.9839

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

### Homeless Shelter 2006

Wed. & Thurs., February 15-16  
Annual opportunity to participate in a lay ministry of Christ Church Detroit to the homeless population. Volunteers are needed on Feb. 15 from 4pm to 7:30pm to prepare and serve dinner and clean up. Hosts and greeters are needed at 7:30pm to share in social activities, including cards, movies and conversation. An overnight crew takes over at 9:45pm to 6:15am to supervise the shelter and prepare bag lunches for the next day. The breakfast crew arrives at 5:30am to prepare and serve the morning meal and to clean up.

Past experience proves that volunteers derive a great sense of accomplishment and satisfaction from participating. If you can't volunteer, we suggest a donation to defray food costs. Make check payable to Christ Church, memo line, "homeless shelter." Questions? Call Dave Leduc, 313.278.0236 or Susan Ward, 313.791.0483.

## CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

### Prayer Room

Sundays, 10:05AM  
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

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

### J2A

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

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, March 1  
Noon & 7:30PM

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

You have probably seen it already: a bright sign in the Fellowship Hall announcing this year at Christ Church as "The Year of Fellowship." Throughout 2006, we will hold Fellowship as a central focus for our life together.

Do you hear its call? It asks that each of us, as individuals, and collectively, as we serve on parish committees, open our hearts to opportunities for increased fellowship and open our hands to build a stronger community. It asks: how are you using God's gifts to cultivate fellowship? Perhaps you will prepare food for the congregation, or step-up to reinvigorate an important commission, or walk across the aisle to share the Peace with a visitor. How will you answer the call?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 7:00 Handbell Choir 7:00 Cycling Group 7:30 AA	<b>2</b> 11:30 AA 7:30 Choir	<b>3</b> 1:00-2:30 Take-A-Break	<b>4</b> 12:00-1:30 AA 4:30 Journey of Faith
<b>5</b> 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Children's Choir 10:05 Prayer Room 11:30 Church School, J2a, Rite 13, Forum	<b>6</b> 7:00 Scout Leaders 8:00 AA	<b>7</b> 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE & Healing 6:30 Energy Healing 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>8</b> 7:00 Property Meet 7:00 Handbell Choir 7:30 AA	<b>9</b> 11:30 AA 7:30 Choir	<b>10</b> 1:00-2:30 Take-A-Break 6:00 Vestry Retreat	<b>11</b> 9:00-3:00 Vestry Retreat 12:00-1:30 AA 4:30 Journey of Faith
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<b>26</b> 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Children's Choir 10:05 Prayer Room 11:30 Church School, Rite 13, J2A, Forum 2:00 Spiritual Journey 3:00 Lenten Study	<b>27</b> 8:00 AA	<b>28 Shrove Tuesday</b> 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE 5:00 Pancake Supper 5:30 Genl Conv Dep 6:30 Energy Healing 7:00 Boy Scouts				

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5**

**Acolytes** A Joens, C Bell, E Brehob, M Swiecicki  
**Ushers** (8am) G Ebling  
 (10am) Team 1 – Baker, Garris  
**Lector/L.E.M.** (8am) B Hall  
 (10am) K Green, D Brehob, R Groover  
**Altar Guild** E Boyar, B Caldwell, L Pedler  
**LEVs** A Johnson, B Hall  
**VPOD** J Connelly  
**Sunday Readings: The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**  
 2 Kings 4:18-21,32-37; Psalm 142  
 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12**

**Acolytes** B Games, T Morrison, E Hines, C Kappauf  
**Ushers** (8am) T Foster  
 (10am) Team 2 – Ludwig, Sallman, D Leduc  
**Lector/L.E.M.** (8am) A Johnson  
 (10am) N Lehnert, B Hall, A Johnson  
**Altar Guild** C Goss, K Green, A Green  
**LEVs** S Mulkern, M Pellgrino  
**VPOD** R Groover  
**Sunday Readings: The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**  
 2 Kings 5:1-15; Psalm 42:1-7  
 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19**

**Acolytes** J Swiecicki, A Piernick, J Groover, T LeDuc  
**Ushers** (8am) L Crane  
 (10am) Team 3 – M Piernick, Prokoff, Kedzo  
**Lector/L.E.M.** (8am) M McLeod  
 (10am) D Petts, Youth, M Sallman,  
 E Simpson, McLeod  
**Altar Guild** S McCullen, J Piernick, G Morrison  
**LEVs** M Shelton, C Goss  
**VPOD** TBD  
**Sunday Readings: The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**  
 Isaiah 43:18-25; Psalm 32:1-8  
 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Mark 2:1-12

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26**

**ACOLYTES** L Culp, A Behm, J Pellegrino, E Sallman  
**Ushers** (8am) J Pedler  
 (10am) Team 4 – J Groover, D Piernick,  
 L Leduc, D Young  
**Lector/L.E.M.** (8am) M Sallman  
 (10am) M Piernick, M McLeod, M A Zawada  
**Altar Guild** I Behm, J Reiner, L Conklin  
**LEVs** S Quaint, A Angel  
**VPOD** K Green  
**Sunday Readings: The Last Sunday after Epiphany**  
 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 27:5-11  
 2 Peter 1:16-19; Mark 9:2-9

# LENT 2006: Enriching our relationship with God & others

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## FOR ADULTS

### *Experiencing the Heart of Christianity*

Engage your heart, mind and spirit as we explore Marcus Borg's book, *The Heart of Christianity: Re-Discovering a Life of Faith*.

Over the course of six Sunday afternoon sessions, members of Christ Church and St. Paul's Lutheran will encounter Borg's evocative description of an emerging model of Christianity.

Through reflection, discussion, bible study, journaling, prayer and art, participants will move beyond simple understanding of the vision, to enter into the heartfelt faith Borg describes. We believe it will be a richly rewarding experience for all involved.

Some summary material will be provided, but each session will assume that participants have read one or two chapters before attending. Our first meeting will be on Sunday, February 22, from 3:00-5:00pm. Please plan on reading the preface and chapter one (24 pages) for this first gathering.

The book is available at Borders or amazon.com. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the Education board and in the Fellowship Hall.

### *Lenten Reflections*

Enjoy reading a booklet of daily reflections written by your fellow parishioners for use during Lent. Pick up your copy after both Sunday services on February 26 or on Ash Wednesday.

## FOR CHILDREN

### *Go Crackers for Heifer*

The Heifer International Project will be the focus of learning for children in church school during Lent.

This exciting educational and fundraising program, called Animal Crackers, features five sessions on the topics of: Hunger and the Bible, Animals, People and their Needs, Land and the Environment, and Passing on the Gift. The Project will allow students to raise money to send a heifer, sheep, goat, water buffalo, flock of chicks or other animals to a struggling family.

## FOR ALL AGES

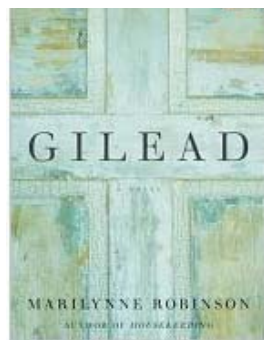
### *Soup Suppers at St. Paul's Lutheran*

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

# BRIEFLY

## Book Readers Wanted

The Not Necessarily Religious Book Discussion Group has now completed 36 books over the course of its existence. A complete list of these books, with some editorial comments by yours truly, is available on the CEC website as well as in the church library. Our next book will be *Gilead: A Novel* by Marilynne Robinson. Having won the



National Book Critics' Circle Award and a Pulitzer Prize. The book is about a 76-year-old minister who, nearing the end of his life in 1956, begins a letter to his seven-year-old son about, writing about himself and his ancestors (many of whom were preachers), but evolves

into much more. A review on amazon.com states: "Robinson takes the story away from being simply the reminiscences of one man and moves it into the realm of a meditation on fathers and children, particularly sons, on faith, and on the imperfectability [sic] of man." This promises to be an interesting read. We invite readers of all ages to join us for our meeting this month. (See Page 6 for day and time.)  
*Kevin Green*

## General Convention needs volunteers

The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio is recruiting volunteers for General Convention to be held in Columbus this year. They need a total of 1,500 people. If you're interested in helping out, contact Jane Dupke Curry, executive secretary for Bishop Price at 614.461.8429, x10 or Currygo4it@aol.com.

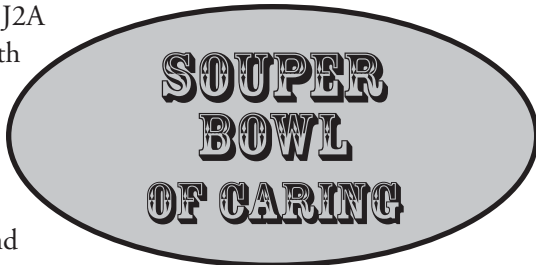
## Sort books with Interfaith Partners

Join NCCJ's Interfaith Partners in a Community Service Project on Sunday, February 26 and March 19, from 2:00pm to 6:00pm at Laurel Park Place, on Six Mile Road, 1/4 mile east of I-275 in Livonia. Make new friends and learn how to sort books for Bookstock, a used book and media sale whose proceeds benefit literacy projects in metro Detroit. Sponsored by the Friends of Literacy, the collect gently used books, books on tape, records, videos, CDs and DVDs. To register, please call Rev. Sharon Buttry at 586.943.7259.

# ETCETERA

## Raising money for Soup Kitchen

It won't be all about the game on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5. The J2A and Rite 13 youth groups of Christ Church will be accepting donations of money before and after both services that day to benefit the Soup Kitchen. Please help our youth help others.



LOG ON TO: WWW.CHRISTCHURCHDEARBORN.ORG  
 • Staff, Vestry, Ministry Listings • Weekly Sunday Readings  
 • Community Highlights • The *Courier*

### Not so busy Quilting Bees

Do you have a quilt top you'd like to have made into a cozy warm quilt? The Quilting Bees would love to quilt it for you and, as we all know, they do a fabulous job. Call Virginia Ebling, Sarge Thomas or the church office if you're interested.

## In our Mailbox ...

"I have no proper words with which to thank you for the wonderful party that you offered as a celebration of my ministry here at Christ Church. I was so touched by all of your good wishes and by your generous gifts and remembrances. These three years at Christ Church with all of you have been the best gift of all. And for that I give thanks to God—and to you."



**Margaret Haas**

"I want to thank you for all your thoughts and prayers on my behalf as I struggled with illness during the last year and for your cards of sympathy on the death of my husband, Jack."

**Michele Carroll-Pearce**

"Thank you so much for sending me the *Courier*. It brings back memories and it is nice to see names of those I knew."

**Priscilla Beckwith, Savannah, GA**

## FINANCIAL CORNER

Income & Expenses as of December 31, 2005

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<b>Income (Pledges &amp; Offerings)</b>	\$367,112	\$373,473
<b>Other</b>	\$27,615	\$26,200
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	\$394,727	\$399,673
<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>	\$435,838	\$441,135
<b>Surplus / Deficit</b>	\$( 41,111)	\$(41,462 )
<b>Funded by prior-year bequest</b>	\$41,111	

## PASSAGES

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2/01** Oliver Angel, David Griffiths, Nancy Kreager, Quinn Ukrainec
- 2/03** Diana Brehob, Meredith Brehob, Paul Gray, Benjamin Youngheim
- 2/05** Jason Hayburn, Pat Snyder, Hannah Whalen
- 2/07** Wanda Gowing, Elaine Prince, Jennifer Sawicki
- 2/09** Joseph Lowery, Irene Piernick
- 2/10** Dorothy Ludwig, Mike Nichols, Geoffrey Percy, Roger Somerville,

- 2/12** Shirley Wever, Valerie Whalen
- 2/12** Nicholas Bell
- 2/14** Carol Nini, Marie Schmidt
- 2/15** Keith Copper, Gloria Green, Janet Prince
- 2/16** Joe Youngheim
- 2/19** Richard Audi, Claudine Bauer, Kenneth Koch
- 2/20** Noah Flaig, Blake Games, Brooke Hoffman, Rodney Linton, Stephanie Mulkern, Nicholas Pellegrino

- 2/21** Rhonda Cardwell, 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

- Inga Bullock – 1/15/06
- Madge Manning – 1/25/06

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# Learn the Martial Art That's Good for the Soul

The Martial Arts School will open on March 1 at Christ Church to teach the young and not-so-young the martial art of ShitoKan. Designed to address the body as a temple of spiritual life, ShitkoKan will enliven and harness all your faculties in the pursuit of spiritual growth and in acquiring poise and serenity. "It will equip you to face life's quests and challenges," said Sensei (teacher) Michael Mroczyk, a ShitoKan 4th degree black belt.



**Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm  
& Sundays, 4:30-6pm**

Children naturally acquire discipline and focus, while those with frost in their hair renew vitality. All acquire self-defense capabilities that flow from a better understanding of their own nature, a deeper spirituality, better health and some practical skills. Since it may take three months to recognize changes and appreciate the benefits of their efforts, students are asked to commit initially to train for three months, regardless of age or physical condition.

Adult classes (12 years and up) will be held twice a week for 1-1/2 hours each and cost \$40 per month. If there is interest, classes for children aged 6 to 11 years will be offered once a week on Sundays from 3:30 to 4:30pm. No fee will be assessed for this class, though a donation to the church will be accepted.

Any questions, call Michael Mroczyk or Martha Amis at 313.724.8845.

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