

From the Assistant Rector **Circle of Grace**

In the wake of a storm...

We are awash. Above and beyond the physical clean-up from Hurricane Katrina, clearing through the emotional, social and political debris will take us some time. It is, to say the least, a complicated mix. We are filled with grief, horror and a terrible kind of pity. But moving through that are currents of anger and perhaps shame, as people ask difficult, painful questions about race and poverty in our country. Listening to news reports, you can also hear elements of fear, as we examine our readiness to respond to any kind of disaster. Strung through it all are stories of astonishing bravery, compassion and generosity: small lights in the midst of great tragedy.

There is more than enough to think about, more than enough to pull at our thoughts and demand our energy. Work to be done. Responses to be made. Elsewhere in the Courier you can read about evacuees we have welcomed, and projects we have undertaken to help mitigate the scope of this disaster. There is so much more to be done.

But what we might forget in the midst of this, as we move through our grief, or our anger, or even our faithful response, is the profound sense of shakiness that is the storm's legacy for us all. Even those of us who were not directly affected, who did not lose everything, have had the terrifying fragility of life brought home to us in an unforgettable manner.

This fragility strikes at our very core. This is deep stuff. It underlies the more obviously theological question of "How can God let these things happen?" For beneath what seems an intellectual query into the nature of God is this deep longing for a world that is safe and predictable, one in which nothing hurtful ever happens. It is the world we wish God had created for us, the world we are asking for when we pose such questions.

Over and over again, the world proves itself to be something far different from the static paradise we might wish it to be. It is a place of fleeting

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Planned giving—Circle of Grace... What do these words mean and why are we talking about them at Christ Church?

During the last several months Stephanie Mulkern, Thomas Trimble, Toby Hines, and Edwina Simpson have been meeting as a sub-committee of the Stewardship Committee to discuss and plan ways to encourage members and friends of Christ Church to make planned gifts to the church.

The term "planned gifts" usually refers to contributions made to charitable organizations when the donor dies. They are most often made as a bequest in a will or trust.

The new Planned Giving Committee believes that planned gifts are an important part of Christian stewardship, a form of stewardship that has been encouraged at Christ Church only sporadically.

The model that the Episcopal Church Foundation's Giving Services has found to be effective in congregations around the country became the guide. This model advocates three steps:

1. Structure (Policies and Procedures) for receiving, managing, and using planned gifts;
2. Education and Awareness;
3. Response system.

The Vestry is working on Step One. The congregation will be hearing more about these discussions and decisions as they move forward.

The second step—education about planned gifts—is the current focus of the Planned Giving Committee. The Church Foundation manual suggests that a legacy society is a good way to start this process. A legacy society is composed of members and friends of the congregation who have made a planned gift to the church. It is not a "recognition" society but serves as a way for the congregation to identify and thank these special donors through an annual celebration. Such identification also gives these donors the opportunity to tell their church friends stories about what the Church means to them.

This is where the Circle of Grace comes in. Circle of Grace is the name the Committee selected for Christ Church's legacy society. During the next weeks, letters of invitation to become a member of the Circle of Grace will be sent out. The Planned Giving Committee hopes everyone—young and old—will consider exercising this important form of stewardship by completing the form before the inaugural celebration of the Circle of Grace in September 2006.

and terrifyingly fragile beauty, filled with joy and pain, hope and despair, creation and destruction. We know this to be true. Might even rejoice that it is true. And yet most of us shield ourselves from the full force of that truth.

And so we need to acknowledge the damage of events like Katrina: how deeply they strike us. We are *all* affected. It is fundamentally soul-shaking to witness such a powerful example of how fragile is this life and this world. We can push it down, or turn away from it, but it is real. And to acknowledge it does not deny the terrible suffering of those on the Gulf Coast whose lives were truly destroyed, but rather recognizes our common existence in a fragile world.

It is frightening and it is painful. But it is also the only way into the mystery of the cross. When we face into this truth, we walk with Christ to his death. Facing our own vulnerability, our mortality. Opening ourselves up, with him, to a world that is constantly breaking. Breaking ourselves open, to our own pain and that of others. How could this not be soul-shaking? How could it not be heart-rending? But at the same time ... at the same time, it is the deepest kind of encounter with God.

Each time we break the bread at the Eucharist, we remind ourselves of this truth: That this life is fragile. That we can be broken. That in some way, we *will* be broken. But in this place, we are put back together into something new. We are knit together into a community—not a community that can ward off the life and death realities of this creation, but one in which we can learn to see God's presence in the very midst of that brokenness.

Because life is fragile, we need each other. We need God. Together, we can gain the courage to admit that God created a fragile, rather than an impervious world. And then perhaps we can stop seeing the pain of this world as a sign of God's absence, and instead be sure that God is most truly present in all those broken-open places.

We have been shaken. Our wish for a safe and static world has been blown out of the water. Which is a terribly frightening thing. But it is also a thing that places us squarely in the heart of the Christian mystery, and deep in the heart of God.

In peace,
Clare

COMMITMENT CAMPAIGN UPDATE PLEDGES STILL ARRIVING

Last month we report that many members of the parish increased their pledges and that we have had a good response to our request that everyone turn in a pledge card for the current year, which is 2005/2006. Since then, more pledge cards have been sent in to the office.

So far, the pledge count is 151, bringing the total amount pledged to \$320,093.

This total amount is somewhat more than the total pledged for last year, 2004/2005, even though several parishioners who turned in a pledge last year have not done so this year. The Stewardship Committee continues to urge those parishioners to turn in their pledge card.

The Stewardship Committee is charged with organizing and conducting the commitment campaign which is a call for all members of the parish to make a commitment to Christ Church by way of filling out a pledge card to inform the Vestry, and its committees, of the amount that each member of the parish is willing to commit to the ministry of Christ Church. This amount can be an increased or decreased during the year, by contacting the parish administrator and notifying her of any changes.

At the end of each calendar year, the Vestry is required to approve a budget which is prepared by the Treasurer and Finance Committee. This will require the Vestry to make important decisions on what new programs can be started, and which might have to be cut back to keep the budget in balance.

The Stewardship Committee
Submitted by Pete Kenney

Revisioning Our Outreach

As a community, Christ Church has a long history of commitment to outreach activities and service to the community at large. This has been expressed in tangible ways both by the budget that has been available to the parish for outreach as well as by the number of projects in which members of the parish have participated.

For many years the Service Commission has been responsible both for recommending the disbursement of those funds and for organizing outreach events and opportunities. However, over the past few years the Service Commission has become very small. For some reason, new members have not been attracted to the group despite the commitment to outreach in the parish at large. The lack of new members has meant that the work of organizing outreach for this parish has fallen to a stalwart group of persons that is growing ever smaller. In addition, it means that the commission has been deprived of new and different visions of how our outreach and service might be expressed.

At the end of May, some members of the leadership of the parish came together to discuss how the vestry might respond to those issues. At that meeting it was decided that the Service Commission as it exists now would be suspended temporarily. During this time, the Common Vision Committee of the Vestry will look at the place of outreach within the congre-

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Revisioning Outreach

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gation and at the role of the Service Commission in particular. The Common Vision Committee will do this as part of its charge to encourage all commissions, committees, and individuals to focus their work on a common interpretation of the mission statement of the parish in the hope that we that we can all work together toward a common vision, common goals.

None of this means that Christ Church's outreach is being suspended. We will continue those programs that have been so effective. We will continue to collect food for Crossroads. We will continue to collect clothing for Crossroads and for the needy in our own community. To that end, persons have volunteered for the tasks of maintaining the clothing closet and for the delivery of food and clothing. Also, we will continue in the activities that we have done so well for so long. We will continue to take part in the soup kitchens at Trinity Church, Detroit, and at Crossroads. We will again assist the Christian Education Commission in the packing of Thanksgiving baskets for delivery to those in need. And we will continue the Christmas giving program. In addition, we will participate in the CROP Walk.

In staffing all of these programs, we look to the parish as a whole—especially to those of you who may never have participated in a service project before. We hope that parishioners will suggest new programs in which to participate and that members of the congregation will rise up to take on leadership in organizing our parish's participation in those programs. This has already begun to happen, as can be testified to by parishioners' responses to the needs of those who endured the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina.

Finally, we will continue to send money to organizations outside the parish. For the time being, the Vestry itself will be responsible for those disbursements.

Eventually, a Service Commission will be reconstituted. No one can anticipate what that committee will look like a year from now; two years from now. This is an important time. It is a time for dreaming of what that commission could be. It's a time for re-visioning our outreach effort. Most of all, this is a time for trying to connect with God's dream for us at Christ Church.

GULF COAST EVACUEES AT CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY REFLECTIONS

On September 11, at our opening picnic, we were joined by 43 people who had been displaced by Hurricane Katrina, about half of which were children. Within 24 hours of hearing of their arrival in Dearborn and their need, we were able to welcome them, feed them and invite them to help themselves to our clothes closet. Dr. Larry Crane, pharmacist David LeDuc and Mary Jo Crane R.N., were also able to assist and direct them toward medical care. Our rapid response and the hospitality shown to our guests from the Gulf Coast was wonderful to see. Some of this is expressed in these reflections on the day.

"Abdul is about the same age as my daughter, Lindsay. His mother did not speak English, so he was our interpreter. The three of us were able to find clothes for his mother, two older brothers, two sisters and baby brother. I finally realized that there was nothing for Abdul!! I searched and searched and was finally able to find shoes, jeans and a few polo shirts. His eyes lit up when we found a nice fall jacket that was only slightly too big for him! His family's new things were packed into old grocery bags, boxes and garbage bags, but there, hidden in the corner, I spied some backpacks! Abdul was thrilled to carry his own belongings with him. He was not so thrilled when I suggested that he could carry his school supplies later!

"One young man was not the "suit" type. He looked wistfully at the women's clothing with bright colors and patterns...try as we might, we found only a few things that he was excited about. It touched my heart that one of those exciting things was a wool outdoorsmans' jacket that had belonged to my father and he had loved. It is hard to describe the feeling I had knowing that something as simple as a coat could weave so many lives together.

"I was pleased to be able to help Lynn Kenney in the clothing cupboard. I am grateful for the opportunity to do something besides watch horrifying photos on television, or write a check and pray for those affected by the hurricane."

By Jane Culp

"During the church picnic, I met a father of 3.95 (wife expecting any day) who was very open and seemingly calm about his evacuation from New Orleans. His greatest ordeal was seeking a tank of gas in a small town "a tank away" from New Orleans. A queue formed at the station and those in line opened up spaces to allow friends or relatives to get in the queue. As they were outsiders to this community, their place in line was further back. However, this was not nearly so troubling as the guns that were being brandished as the crowd's fears and anxiety fomented into violence. The gas station owner called in the local police, who were able to bring the situation under control. After waiting over 12 hours, he and family gassed up and moved on. They stopped at the Islamic Center in Nashville, TN on their way to Dearborn, a place they felt certain would be able to provide them comfort.

"After hearing on the radio about numerous evacuees who are too afraid to leave and grab an outstretched helping hand from a distant state, I am even more impressed by his courage taking his family to an unknown place without such promise of help. He had the hope and confidence that help would be available. I am thankful to him for openly sharing his story along with snippets of humor and wisdom."

By Diana Brehob

JOIN US

CHRISTIAN FORMATION BREAKFAST BUNCH

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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.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

The last three sessions of the Sunday afternoon Bible Study on Psalms will be held from 3:30-5:00 p.m. on October 2, 16, and 30. To prepare for those sessions, read the following passages:

October 2: God as King; read Psalms 29, 33, and 95

October 16: God as Saviour; read Psalms 17, 27, 30, 51 (Songs of Trust) Psalms 2, 6, 13, 28, 42, 55, 69 (Laments) Psalms 30, 32, 88 (Thanksgiving); also read 1 Samuel 1-2:10 and Isaiah 56:4-6

October 16: God as the Source of Wisdom; read Psalms 1, 14, 29, 49, 53, 119, 127. Also read: Job 28; Ecclesiastes 3, 24; Wisdom of Solomon 10-19 (or at least parts of it)

Wednesday Bible Study

The first meeting of the new Wednesday morning Bible study took place on September 21, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Remaining sessions will be held on October 5 and 19 and on November 2 and 9.

Assignments for reading in preparation of the meetings are as follows:

October 5: Witness in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria; read Acts 2:1 - 5:42

October 19: Witness in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, cont'd; read Acts 6:1 - 9:43

November 2: Witness unto the end of the earth; read Acts 10:1 - 19:20

November 9: Witness unto the end of the earth, cont'd; read Acts 19:21- 28:28

THE ADULT FORUMS

Sundays, 11:30AM-12:15PM

See page 8 for details

"NOT NECESSARILY RELIGIOUS" BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesday, October 26, 7:30PM

The next book of the Not Necessarily Religious Book Discussion Group will be *The Agony and the Ecstasy: A Biographical Novel of Michelangelo* by Irving Stone, on Wednesday, October 26 at 7:30 PM in the Lounge. We extended the reading period a few weeks since the book is 776 pages long. The book is available in paperback on amazon.com for \$8.99 new. A complete list of the books that we have discussed is available in the Church Library as well as on the Christ Church website.

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

Rite 13 for youth ages 11-13 continue to meet, led by Erika Morrison 791.2709 and John Porter 354.3169.

J2A

Rite 13 group graduates into the J2A component of the program. Led by Dale Taylor and Susan Gregg 277.1975 (for more information.)

MUSIC MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Sundays, 9am

Choir for elementary school-aged children. This year Choir will continue to include chimes. Meets in Rm 213. Choir led by Tess Dowgiallo.

HANDBELL CHOIR

Wednesdays, 7:00PM

ADULT CHOIR

Thursdays, 7:30PM (Childcare will be provided.)

WADOS ORGAN CONCERT

Sunday, October 30, 2:00pm

There will be a special recital of organ music at Christ Church on Sunday, Oct 30. This fundraiser will feature our own church organist, Jung Yoo and a guest organist from the UM School of Music, Kirsten Hellman. Kirsten is a third year DMA organ student and studies with Marily Mason. She is the Music Director at the First Congregational Church of Wayne. Our own, Sean Jackman will also play on this program. The organ concert is being sponsored by WADOS, the Women's Association of the Dearborn Orchestral Society. Our concert is part of their Music Medley Chamber Series, now in its 16th season.

MEETINGS

ST. MARTHA'S GUILD

Tuesday, October 11, 12:00PM

Rev. Marv Kormann, Senior Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Dearborn will speak to us about the cooperative efforts with the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches. Bring a sandwich, beverage and dessert will be served.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Our own Sharon Smith, Hospice Care Coordinator will facilitate the Grief Support session, offering information and support to understand and live with grief. They will be held once a month, the 3rd Saturday from 11:00am-12:30pm. Call Needra at (313) 291.9700 to register.

Community

TAKE-A-BREAK! CARERS AND TOTS PLAYGROUP

Fridays, 1:00-2:30pm

Interest in meeting other people in the neighborhood who are caring for children? There is a planned craft activity and time of music for the children, while the caregivers gather for informal conversation. Small donation asked to cover the cost of coffee, tea, juice, and cookies.

Gulf Coast Evacuees at Christ Church.

More Reflections

"Today, after church, a group of folks loaded up my car with clothes and food and I drove to La Pita in Dearborn to pick up a bunch of food for the people displaced by Katrina that Christ Church was hosting for lunch...

"It was really quite fun to participate and I am grateful to Dan for extending to our church the invitation to help in this work. The most fascinating part for me was a very lengthy discussion I had with a young man named Ali.

Ali is twenty-nine years old and originally from Iraq. He and his family fled their homeland in 1993, crossing the border into Iran...

"Ali's description of his journey through the US immigration bureaucracy was a nightmare... All this was preface to being displaced by Katrina, which we barely even touched upon. He and his friend were fortunate enough to be shown how to get out of Metairie (just west of New Orleans) by a co-worker. While he owned a car, Ali had never driven it outside of the city. Initially, the group made its way towards Jackson on Sunday before the storm. They left thinking they would be away from their homes for just a few hours. Apparently, they eventually made their way to Dearborn because they knew that there were many Iraqis in the area and they were looking for whatever assistance they might find. When I asked him about what sort of assistance FEMA was making available he said they were saying that in a few weeks he would probably receive some form of financial assistance. But he also said he didn't want money – he wants to work.

"The thing in all this that struck me was, of course, how much more difficult a life Ali has lived than I. And also how hard he has struggled for much of his life in spite of all the odds. As I listened to him, I could see that in spite of it all he maintains a good sense of humor and outlook. I seriously wonder whether or not I would have the tenacity and the courage to face the things that he has faced. When I consider the life of privilege that I and so many of us have lived in this country, somehow, I rather doubt I would."

The Rev. Mark Jenkins, the Rector of Journey of Faith Church

"A centered calm and dignity– that is what I sensed from the evacuees and particularly from one individual with whom I spoke at length. He lost everything when he left Iraq only 8 years ago walking away from a home and a livelihood in the form of a taxi. "The government took it all" The same thing has happened to him again as he drove his family away from Katrina leaving everything – a recently purchased house and again a taxi – his livelihood. He could not take both so he took the van with his family of five because they would not all fit in the taxi.

"Is there calm? This gentleman admitted that he wished he had died 25 years ago 'The same thing has happened to me again.' Then he said 'Well this is mother nature. It cannot be helped.' He then told me of his arrival in the USA eight years ago when he hitched a ride to Oklahoma. He could not speak any English, did not know the word for mosque or church, but he made the sign of the cross on his palm so the driver took him to a Baptist Church. I half expected him to say they helped some but he then told me how they helped him with everything from food, clothing, housing, jobs, English lessons and how he stills stays in touch with the people there...

"I know he is a braver person than I. I would not be calm if this had happened to me. I would be distraught about all the stuff I had lost. I would be lost without my place. This man has been here before. He has a calm, accepting dignity of one who has endured calamity and risen from it. What leapt to my mind is we white folks would be doing a whole lot more hollering about injustice than I have seen in the faces of these people of African and Middle Eastern descent who have been caught up in the crisis of New Orleans.

Anonymous

Postlude: As the Courier was going to press, our friend, Eide Alawan, reported on how much the evacuees appreciated our care and generosity. He also reported that the young blind boy, who we helped to be admitted to Oakwood Hospital, was still recovering. Also, a woman, who was with us and eight to ten weeks pregnant, has lost her child. Other doctors, dentists and healthcare workers were helping them and that the City is being urged to search out housing for these men, women and children who have suffer so much since in the aftermath of Katrina.

FALL SPEAKER SERIES AT CHRIST CHURCH NEW SEASON – NEW PROGRAMS

St. Martha's Guild has a fall lineup you won't want to miss! All are welcome.

Tuesday, October 11

Rev. Marv Kormann, Senior Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Dearborn will speak to us about the cooperative efforts with the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches. Also, learn what an inter-faith network in the Dearborn area has planned. We've invited some staff/congregants from St. Paul to join us to begin a friendship circle.

Tuesday, November 8

Ms. Needra Williams, Grief Support Services Manager for Hospice, will be sharing ideas on coping with grief and loneliness. We will also learn about the varied services Hospice has to offer.

As always, the Guild will provide complimentary beverages and dessert. Bring a friend and be a part of these great learning opportunities.

LAY WEEDERS GUILD CLOSES SHOP FOR SEASON

Another growing season has passed, Fall bulbs will soon be planted and we once again want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Lay Weeders Guild for keeping the Memorial Garden in first-class condition. As usual we have received many compliments on the Garden's appearance and these are due to the dedicated work of Guild members over many years. So thank you Nancy Kreager, Dorothy Hartmann, Claudine Bauer, Barbara Eversman, Doug and Phyllis Brim, Dorothy LeBlanc, George and Virginia Ebling, Ruth Warner and Jim and Ruth West.

Congratulations and, being good Episcopalians who have labored in the vineyard all summer, a sip or two of your favorite adult beverage is not out of order.

—George Ebling

VIA MEDIA TO RUN AGAIN AT CHRIST CHURCH

If you missed the Lenten offering of the Via Media series, now is your chance to join! Via Media is a series of eight meetings that explores the basics of Christian faith and specific aspects of the Anglican way. We will offer the program on Sunday afternoons, from 5:00 – 7:00pm. It will be potluck, with the church providing dessert and beverages. Childcare will be provided. The first four meetings will occur on October 16, October 30, November 13 and November 20. The second four will start in January. 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.

CHRIST CHURCH RESPONDS IN FULL FOR THE HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF EFFORT

Christ Church parishioners have been busy helping in the Relief Effort for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Lissa Quaint brought us in contact with the Red Cross and we have been busy creating Comfort Kits for Adults and Children for the Red Cross to distribute. Through the Red Cross (and Lissa), we sponsored a woman from New Orleans who is currently living with family in Flat Rock. She needed clothing and money for medication and doctor visits, which people at Christ Church gladly supplied. Lynn Kenney has been distributing clothes from our Clothing Cupboard as we find people in need. At our Church Picnic on September 11, we hosted approximately 40 Muslims from the Louisiana area for lunch. Journey of Faith helped them feel at ease by providing Halal food from La Pita. Dr. Larry Crane, Mary Jo Crane and David Leduc provided medical treatment for those who needed it. Parishioners once again responded by providing fellowship and food. Karen Henry of The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan has been working hard on organizing trucks of supplies to send South. Christ Church was a drop off site for the garbage cans filled with cleaning supplies last week. CEC Parishioners once again helped out by filling garbage cans! Missed your chance to help out with any of the above? Go to www.christchurchdearborn.org to find out about more ongoing efforts. We should be proud to be a part of such a generous and caring community here at Christ Church!

We want to keep you in the loop!

Please send your email address to the church office. We truly need the most up-to-date list to keep everyone informed of the many happenings here at Christ Church

CROP Walk

Those of you who participated in the October 2 CROP Walk: your pledge envelopes are due back in the parish early in November. Please collect the money that was pledged to you and return it to the church during October. For now, you may turn them into Margaret Haas. In early November all of the envelopes returned will be delivered to the Dearborn/Dearborn Heights CROP coordinator.

CROP is an arm of Church World Services, which works to alleviate hunger in this country and throughout the world. Doubtless much of the money raised in this year's CROP Walks will go to help those displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Thank you to those who have walked and to those who have pledged for your responses to the needs of the hungry.

BRIEFLY

ECW ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, October 1st at St. Paul's Cathedral - Detroit. This is open to all women. The Theme is "Women, Behold your Son." with the keynote speaker The Rev. Martha Wallace. Registration and light refreshment begins at 9:00am. Contact Barbara Hall for additional information.

THANK YOU

My sincere THANKS to those of you who pledged to the American Heart Association in support of Margaret and me on our Heart Walk on September 17. We appreciate your generosity!
—Kevin Green

SOUND SYSTEM TRAINING

Short training sessions on the use of the microphones continue. Training occurs immediately following the 10:00 service and is intended for anyone who reads or presents. Please select either October 2 or 9th to attend.

THE GORDONWOOD FAREWELL CELEBRATION

A Time for Thanks and Thanksgiving will be held on October 1st at Gordonwood.

Open House 2:00-5:00 pm - self directed hikes, sports, music and quiet Shared Meal 5:00 pm - donations will be accepted
Eucharist 5:45 pm - deconsecration of the chapel to follow

FINANCIAL CORNER

Income & Expenses as of August 31, 2005

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income (Pledges & Offerings)	\$231,160	\$227,875
Other	\$42,832	\$15,089
Total Operating Income	\$273,992	\$242,964
Less Operating Expenses	\$287,329	\$288,852
Surplus / Deficit	\$(13,337)	(\$45,888)

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02 Noah Grochulski
03 Jessica Poceta
04 Betty Lou Neidigh
07 Carol Garrison
08 William Drake
11 Michele Carroll-Pearce
12 Donna Behm, Gary LeBlanc, Autumn Skye
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, Neile Gauthier, Todd Kappauf, Julie Leidel
19 Shannon Giberson, Bill Poceta
20 Tammie Lowery

22 Hailey Leidel
23 Carol Kery
24 Ed Drazga, Elizabeth Lowery, Ronald Massecar
25 Roberta Garrison
26 Jan Motsinger
28 Elizabeth Leduc
31 Jessica Barber, Mary Trimble

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

06 Kevin & Chris Goss (33)
05 Jeffrey & Julie Wojtowicz (5)
08 Keith & Cynthia Kibilko (29)
10 Ray & Carol Ward (6)
12 James Connelly & Jeanne Martens (14)
16 Harold & Betty Lou Neidigh (51)
18 Wayne & Patricia Hamann (42)

19 Don & Rhonda Cardwell (9)
Richard & Gillian Woods (9)
20 Daniel & Erika Stanis, (4)
24 William & Katy Baetz-Matthews (18)
26 James & Julie Leidel (14)
27 Wesley Blake & Angela Larsen (3)
28 Stephen & Andrea Flaig (4)
Nicholas & Carolyn Blackmore (17)
29 Jeffrey & Jeanne Traylor (6)

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OCTOBER FORUMS

There are five exciting forums scheduled for October:

On October 2, Professor Camron Amin of the University of Michigan, Dearborn, will be back with us to speak on Models of Governance in the Modern Middle East. For those of us who have been following the constitutional process being attempted in Iraq or the recent Egyptian elections, this forum will be a must.

On October 9, the Planned Giving Committee of the parish will make a presentation on the work they have been doing on our behalf.

Sean Jackman will be the featured speaker on October 16. The subject? Why, church music, of course.

On October 23 and 30 there will be two discussions that will be spinoffs of the Via Media presentation offered during Lent. Some folks were left wanting more opportunity to discuss issues raised during those Lenten Wednesdays. On October 23, we will talk about how we see ourselves as Christians and as Episcopalians—namely, what it is that we claim as special—and how that affects our relationships with those who are not Christians (or Episcopalians).

On October 30 our subject will be “isms” in the Church: Racism and Discrimination of All Kinds.

It will be an exciting month. Join the form on these Sundays—and add your voice to the discussions.

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