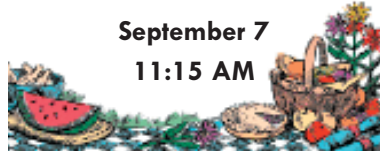


PARISH PICNIC

September 7
11:15 AM



CELEBRATE the beginning of another great parish program year at the **Fall Parish Picnic**. There will be good food and fun games for everyone during this perfect opportunity to reconnect with one another as we begin the new program year. Everyone is welcome. Also, representatives of the Children's Education Commission will be on hand to register children and distribute program schedules for our new – and improved – Christian education program for children. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall to bring salads, side dishes and desserts.

MARDI GRAS Parents' Night Out

September 27, 4:30-9 PM

THE Evangelism Commission will host **Mardi Gras in September**, an afternoon/evening of fun and games for children ages 13 years old and under. This event creates an excellent opportunity for parents to enjoy a guilt-free, worry-free Parents' Night Out. While parents are away having their own fun, the children will have a blast participating in traditional Christ Church Mardi Gras games, such as putting contest, ring toss, knock over the

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GET INVOLVED IN THIS NEW YEAR OF PARISH LIFE

Children's education program redefined for 2008-09

By Karen Marzonie

JUST when you thought you understood the names of the different Children's Education offerings at Christ Church, they've all changed! But, the intent of the new names is to more accurately describe the programs and introduce a new offering for children ages 8-11. Parents will have the opportunity to register their children for these programs on Sunday, September 7, during the Parish Picnic.

Children's Worship (formerly called Prayer Room) Designed for children ages 3 through 7 (or through second grade), Children's Worship offers a child-oriented worship service including prayer, Bible stories, activities and song.

Intermediate Worship This is a new offering for children ages 8 (or beginning third grade) through 11. The young people in this group will continue to explore the Bible through their own worship service and various activities.

Children participating in either of these groups will be escorted by a Children's Education teacher to Room 213 (Children) and the Chapel (Intermediate) during the beginning portion of the 10 a.m. church service and returned to the service

prior to Communion. Questions concerning these groups may be directed to Carolyn Blackmore at 313.274.9088 or cn6rcd@yahoo.com.

Junior Forum (formerly called Church School) While parents are participating in the Adult

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Adult Formation Commission launches new year of Christian formation opportunities

By Paul Vandevent

THE Christian Adult Formation Commission has been hard at work on programming for the 2008 – 2009 church "year," which follows the School Year and is not be confused with the traditional automotive Model Year (August to July), the Calendar Year (January to December) or the real Church Year (Advent through Pentecost), but I digress.

Our Forum Schedule is planned well into November. We're hoping to mix up the content with speakers and different media presentations, always anchored by group discussion and questions that may or may not be answered, but will certainly stimulate and inform you. We hope to continue our periodic series on what we've tentatively

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bowling pin, roulette, and more. We'll also serve dinner and snacks, provide a tour of the church and grounds (including the playground and labyrinth) and show a movie (or two). Depending on the weather, we may also have snow cones or roasted marshmallows!

Prizes will be awarded to those children who bring a friend, with a grand prize to the child who brings the most friends. We hope that all children of the parish will attend this fun-filled event and that parents will take advantage of this opportunity for some child-free fun of their own. Sign-up sheets will be posted across from the church office and in the Fellowship Hall or you may call Jan Timpko in the church office to reserve your spot.

Other questions may be directed to Kevin Green at kevin_green@mascohq.com or 313.792.9839. Please help us to make this event a rousing success!

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called "My First Experience with Justice," which we hope will be an opportunity for all in the parish to share personal memories and experiences that helped shape their views and values. I will explain more about this project at the September 21 Forum. On September 14, Fr. Dan will fill us in on this summer's Lambeth Conference, and on September 28,



we will hear from Kay, Felt, a member of the Study Board of the Joint Great Lakes Commission.

She will talk to us about the board's work and regional water problems. We welcome suggestions for Forum programs to be considered for inclusion in the schedule.

We have formalized "Movie Night" to be on the first Monday of each month beginning October 6. But, we have expanded it to alternate with a World Views Book Study, which will be led by The Rev. Bob Hart, one of our regular guest preachers and celebrants. At these *Voices of the World* Book Studies, we'll discuss a book (suggested by The Rev. Bob Hart) that you can read on your own prior to the discussion. The first book is ***Say You're One of Them*** by Uwen Akpan. (See side bar on this page for more details.)

On Movie Night, we will watch a film of interest to be discussed at the following Sunday's Forum. First Mondays will start at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Come check us out. There really is something for everyone. And, we'd love to see you.

The Adult Formation Commission includes Paul Vandevent, Margaret Green and Nick Bell.

New book reading group focuses on people around the world

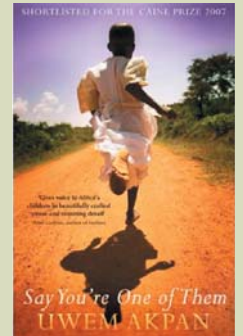
ON the first Monday evening of every other month at 7 p.m., you are invited to learn about, discuss and reflect on people around our ever-shrinking globe. Whether it is Africa, the Middle East, Asia or South America, in the months to come we will be choosing books that help us understand people in other cultures and social environments more intimately.

If you enjoyed *The Kite Runner* by the Afghan author Khaled Hosseini, you may be interested in joining The Rev. Bob Hart in exploring new frontiers through reading. Bob, who retired from All Saints Pontiac, in 2007, currently works with the book store, Shaman Drum, in Ann Arbor.

Our first book will be ***Say You're One of the Them***, a series of short stories by the Nigerian-born, Jesuit priest, Uwem Akpan. Bob's recent review of the book noted: "From the minute you begin to read you will find yourself within these children, almost being these children. You will see with their eyes. Most of all you will sense such humanity, ordinariness and authenticity in the midst of gut-wrenching tragedy. Their circumstances will shock you. You will reel from the inevitability of their situation. Uwem Akpan pulls us inside raw human tragedy and never despairs of humanity itself. This is fiction at its best."

The books will be purchased through Shaman Drum Bookshop which offers a 17% discount to reading groups. You can pick up your copy at Christ Church. Please pay by check made payable to Shaman Drum Bookshop or by cash. (It is possible to order directly online from Shaman Drum and have the book shipped to you. However, you may not get the discount and shipping costs to your home are \$5.)

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, September 14, so we'll know how many books to order. You're going to find *Say You're One of Them* is one of the finest and most memorable books you've ever read!



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Forum from 11:20 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., children ages 4 through 11 will gather together to interact with one another and learn about their Christian faith in a fun-filled atmosphere. The location and meeting dates will vary, so please keep your eye on the monthly calendar as published in the Courier and posted in the Fellowship Hall. For more information about this group, please contact Karen Marzonie at 313.565.5945 or marzonie@umd.umich.edu.

From the Rector

The Rev. Daniel Appleyard

Being transformed in Christian community

Dear Friends,

At services on Sunday, August 24, we heard from Paul's Letter to the Romans, where he writes one of my favorite passages in all of scripture:

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect."

For decades now, leaders of the Christian faith have admitted that it is *hard* to be the Church in our culture, in our day and age. We know the truth of this all too well.

Living in Christian community engages people in gifts that nurture new hearts, new minds, new lives, and new beginnings.

Ours is an era where self-determination, autonomy and self-reliance is emphasized. That makes Jesus' call for us to become committed partners in an interdependent Christian community counter-cultural. It is a very real challenge for people these days to "be transformed" into living *deeply* in Christian community — after all autonomy

and interdependence are nearly opposites.

A number of years ago, a group from the United Church of Christ wrote about their understanding of the challenge of being Christian communities in today's world, concluding that there are a number of characteristics that make people living in Christian community unique. For example, Christians in community become:

- (1) A people who believe that they walk in the presence of God;
- (2) A people who live in compassionate relationship with each other and the world;
- (3) A people who practice the Christian habits of prayer, worship, reflecting on Scripture, learning, discerning and practicing reconciliation;



(4) A giving and forgiving people who spend time together to be the Body of Christ for the world.

In summary, the group said, "Living in Christian community engages people in gifts that nurture new hearts, new minds, new lives and new beginnings."

I believe this is exactly what Paul was saying to the Romans 2000 years ago — be transformed, not conformed, to this world. But it is not an "easy sell" in our society!

Now I know that our busyness and the stresses of life in the 21st century provide us with daily excuses for not entering more wholly into the life of Christian community. But, Paul's words are meant to encourage us, not chastise us. As so many of us have discovered, living in Christian community is a source of great joy and comfort. That is the paradox of it all — transformation occurs when we live in community, while conformity to our society creates isolation and alienation. It is in the giving of ourselves completely, "as living sacrifices," that we are made whole.

"Do not be conformed to this world, be transformed by the renewing of your minds..."

Christ Church is above all a Christian community. As our mission statement reminds us, we are "a gathering of worshipping people seeking unity with God and one another with Jesus Christ as our guide." As we seek to embody our guiding theme this year, "Good Works—Glad Hearts," something can be transformed in us, and hopefully in this world. Through the new and continuing programs we are offering in this program year, we can seek to walk in the presence of the living God. Through our worship and music programs, we can practice the Christian habits of living in community. Through new approaches to reaching out in stewardship and service, we can be an example to our society of what it means to be called by God to be transformed and not conformed.

Step forward, present yourselves, to be renewed into the Body of Christ, serving this world in God's name.

Faithfully Yours,
Daniel

CEC receives large gift from living trust

IT is with glad hearts that we report Christ Church has received another large gift from the Earl Bergeron Living Trust, this one in the amount of \$206,681.24.

Consistent with the Policy Regarding the Disposition of Planned Gifts adopted by the Vestry in 2006, \$10,334.06 (5%) of this gift has been transferred to the Operating account, \$20,668.12 (10%) has been transferred to the Capital Improvements account, and \$20,668.12 (10%) has been set aside for distribution to “one of the invested funds held by the Diocese of Michigan.” The remaining \$155,010.94 (75%) has been transferred to the Undesignated Investment Fund, to be used “to provide resources for outreach and new projects” over a period not to exceed 10 years.

The Vestry has asked the Investment Funds Committee (which includes Daniel Appleyard, Kevin Green, Erika Morrison, Stephanie Mulkern, Edwina Simpson and Paul Vandevent) to develop and recommend to the Vestry a process for receiving and evaluating ideas for the use of these funds consistent with the policy. We have held our first meeting and will continue to meet regularly. Until such time as the process has been adopted by the Vestry, we are not in a position to receive your suggestions, although we encourage commissions and individuals to begin creatively and prayerfully imagining the types of Good Works that Christ Church might do with these funds. We will report back once the process has been established for receiving these ideas.

Our continuing thanks to the Bergerons for sharing their abundance with Christ Church through these planned gifts. We are confident that the Christ Church community will discern appropriate ways in which this abundance can be used to continue God's work among us.

Vestry Reflection

By Carrie Serfass

Place matters; place has meaning

BORN and raised on the East Coast, my summers were often spent on the “shore” — the local word for the New Jersey coast with the Atlantic Ocean crashing waves onto the sand.

Michigan, being an inland state, offers lakes for outside water pleasures where the biggest waves often come from engine-powered boats. This is my son John's summer place — blue, clear lakes with beaches of sand, stone or pebbles and sometimes all, a composition dependent on where the land is located in relation to the water.

John likes fine sand and I now know how to look at a Michigan map to find it. We know the phrase “lake effect.” In the winter it means snow; in summer it always means fine sand. Place does matter; place has meaning. And while nature can be predicted, we must care for it in order to maintain that predictability.

On August 10, my husband, Paul Vandevent, celebrated his 50th birthday. We were in St. Ignace in the Upper Peninsula and he wanted to attend the local Episcopal church. At 10 a.m. we walked to Church of the Good Shepherd on Prospect Street. The “surprise” of this church's outer simplicity was readily replaced, not so much by the beauty of its interior (which was very beautiful), but by the people there — their friendliness, their openness, their willingness to be inclusive.



Did I say this was a small church? No one had a last name, only first names as from times when one knew everyone who lived in a town. A glass case in back of the church had historical photos and documents. This is not a church that grew after World War II. This is not a church that grew during the 1960's. This is a church that probably started in another spot then rebuilt itself sometime at the turn of the 19th century. It still stands. It is well cared for. It is closed in winter.

During announcements, we introduced ourselves as guests, and then Phil and Audrey started it and we all sang “Happy Birthday” to Paul. There were 14 people there that day, including the clergy and five visitors. Place does matter; place has meaning.

Dearborn was a small village in the 1800's, like many of the towns in the U.P., I suspect. But we all know what happened with automobile inventions in the 1890's. The town grew and the little churches built then and before World War II could not contain the size of the congregations. They expanded in their locations or built new, like Christ Episcopal Church Dearborn.

Henry Ford is integral to our church's history, but history with good bones is not enough. We have to protect and preserve the places we know. We must be active in our management. We must be stewards, so that the places that mean so much to us will be there to mean something to John and those that will come after him — like the waves and beaches of the Atlantic Ocean and the Great Lakes.

Music Notes

By Sean Jackman, Director of Music

Thanks for a great summer of music at CEC

THE Summer Arts Camp was held at the end of June. This was the fourth year that we were able to offer the all-day arts experience for children ages 4 through 13. I was pleased that so many teachers and students chose to return. Special thanks go to the program leaders, Tess Dowgiallo (Chimes/Orff Instruments), Jane Lewy (Drama), Erika Morrison and Jean Angel (Art) and Emily Goward (Dance). I led the camp and taught the vocal music component. Thanks as well to all of our volunteers, campers and parents for making that week possible. The field trip this year took us to the National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, where we received a tour given by Music Director, Rob Abbott, as well as a visit to the Cranbrook Institute of Science.



Special Music

Throughout the summer, various individuals and groups contributed to Sunday worship using their musical gifts. I would like to thank John and Lindsay Culp (trumpet), Diana Brehob (recorder), Tess Dowgiallo (recorder) and our singers Margaret Green, Carolyn Blackmore and Tony Johnson. Open Choir continued throughout

the summer and was well attended. All this special music enhanced our worship while the Adult Choir was taking a much-needed rest. Thank you to everyone who volunteered.

This Fall

We are currently gearing up for another year in Music at CEC. Tess Dowgiallo will continue to work with me as Children's Music Director. I welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Adult Choir will rehearse every Wednesday evening in the choir room from 7:30 to 9 p.m. starting September 3. We will sing for the first time in the new program year on Sunday, September 7 at 10 a.m. Fall is a traditional time to join things and we would love for you to make our choir one of your choices for this year.

Open Choir continues to rehearse and sing the first Sunday of the month, unless otherwise noted. This month that date is Sunday, September 7.

Junior Forum Our modular approach to Church School will continue this year. In consultation with church leadership, we will continue to offer "blocks" of activities on Sundays from 11:20 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Music will be one of the blocks, as well as gardening, cooking and a few new offerings. See the Children's Education article on the front page for more information about the new program. Our first music block will start on Sunday, October 12.

Upcoming Events

The Stewardship and Outreach Committees of CEC are organizing **Water for Life, Water for All**, a special concert on Sunday, October 19, 2-5 p.m. featuring local musicians performing music in various styles as part of our Fall Commitment Campaign. (See page 6 for more details.)

Amahl and the Night Visitors by Menotti will be presented jointly by CEC and St. Paul Lutheran Church at St. Paul. Tentative dates are February 13 and 14, 2009. Also, there will be a **Bell Ringing Concert** at the First United Methodist Church in Dearborn in the spring (tentatively May 2, 2009) and all are invited to this mass ringing event with our neighbors.

J2A teens offer work to help raise funds for pilgrimage



By Victoria Bell

J2A has started fund-raising for our pilgrimage in June 2009. We have chosen Colorado as our destination, so we will need lots of money to pay for the trip and the rented van.

The entire group has been working all summer to raise money. As the school year begins, and so does fall and the approaching winter, please consider hiring one of us (Victoria Bell, Collin Kappauf, Emily Brehob, Emily Sallman, Adam Piernick, and Rebecca Green) to do work. We are all willing to work to help us raise our portion for the trip.

We can do outdoor work (weeding, lawn mowing, gutter clearing, window washing, sweeping, painting, raking, snow shoveling, etc.), babysitting (your kids, your plants, or your pets, etc.), house cleaning (bathrooms, dusting, laundry washing and folding, etc.) or anything else you can think of that you would be willing to hire us for. We can work individually or as a group.

Whenever you have a chore to do, please think of J2A first. We will need opportunities to work all through the school year, so don't forget us!

To hire us to, please contact me, Victoria Bell, at 313.274.9088 or booklover942003@yahoo.co.uk.

Please inform and encourage your friends and family to hire us so we can make this pilgrimage a great one!

Thank you from all of us in J2A.

In the Spotlight THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Gifts of God for the People of God: Water for Life, Water for All

By Chris Goss

ARE you ready for a Fall Commitment Campaign unlike any other in our tradition? Excuse me if I sound like a politician preaching that we need "change," BUT, maybe we do need a change.

This fall the Stewardship and Outreach Committees are joining hands to sponsor an outreach event. "Water for Life, Water for All" is our theme for a community-wide fund-raising event that will take place on Sunday, October 19, starting at 2:00 p.m.

This event will focus on the need for all people to have access to clean drinking water, here in the US, as well as abroad. All proceeds from this wine and music event will be donated to a charitable organization which strives to provide water resources to everyone around the world. By



water for LIFE, water for ALL

participating in this event, we have the opportunity to answer God's call to help those in need. Let us work together to enable access to water: a gift of the world's resources. "All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee." A gift from God's hand to those who cannot simply turn on the faucet and indulge.

As a connection to the fall stewardship campaign we are asking volunteers for this event to write letters to the congregation about what stewardship means to them. By sharing the call they answered in dedicating their time and talent to this community-wide outreach program, we hope to inspire cheerful giving in the Fall Commitment Campaign.

Watch for further announcements in the weekly *Communicator* on this event. For those of you inspired to volunteer your time and talent for this event, please contact Chris Goss at 313.565.7647 or Ross Groover at 313.561.1389.

AROUND TOWN

Free Music Concert

St. Paul Lutheran Church invites everyone to join them for a special concert with The Rev. Robert Jones and his wife, Bernice Jones, on Saturday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the St. Paul Music Enrichment Fund, the concert is free and open to the public. The Rev. Jones is a well-known guitarist, singer and songwriter in the Detroit metro area. For many years he hosted a radio show on WDET-FM entitled "Blues from the Lowlands." He has also worked extensively in Michigan public schools, presenting a special program focusing on American musical roots, such as folksong, gospel and spirituals. He is an ordained Baptist pastor, serving Sweet Kingdom Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit. Sister Bernice Jones is an outstanding soprano with a special gift of music ministry. The audience will certainly be inspired by these great Christian performers! For more information about The Rev. Jones and samples of his music, please visit <http://www.myspace.com/revrobertjones>.

Healing Prayer in the Style of Taize

Join others on Friday, September 26 for a quiet evening of Healing Prayer in the Style of Taize at St. David's Episcopal Church, 16200 W. Twelve Mile Rd, Southfield, MI. The Taize service starts at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The sanctuary will be open at 6:30 for anyone who would like quiet meditation prior to the service. During the service there will be clergy and prayer team

members available for individual prayer and anointing. Anyone who would like to participate in the choir for this service, should arrive at 6:00 p.m. for rehearsal. Also, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall there will be a short class on the healing aspects of Christ's ministry. Immediately following the healing service, a prayer labyrinth will be available in the Parish Hall. This is a nondenominational service and is open to everyone. For further information St. David's at 248.557.5430.

Interfaith Iftar breaks the fast of Ramadan

The Islamic House of Wisdom on Ann Arbor Trail Rd. will hold an Iftar (Breaking the Fast) for area churches on Wednesday, September 17 at 8 p.m. This will be a "breaking the fast" dinner during the month of Ramadan and will include a brief time of prayer and a presentation on Ramadan, specifically for both young and old in an interfaith audience. Ramadan begins on September 1 this year, and this interfaith Iftar is the House of Wisdom's way of reaching out to the Christian community in our part of western Wayne County. If you plan to attend, please email or call the church office by September 12 so we can let House of Wisdom know the approximate number we will be bringing, though late comers will be welcome. Interested parties are also invited to attend a traditional lecture (in English) by Imam Elahi that will follow our dinner. (Headcoverings for women are appreciated.)

Stewardship Moments

Stewards in the Kingdom: A theology of life in all its fullness

By *The Rev. Jerry Hoffman*

SOME years ago, I overheard a conversation between a father and his son. As the son examined something on the church bulletin board about the upcoming fall stewardship campaign, he asked his father, “What is this ‘stewardship’ all about?”

The father replied, “Stewardship is about how the church twists your arm to try and get you to give money.”

I bit my lip. As a pastor, I often struggle with biblical stewardship on one hand and the need to fund the congregation’s ministry on the other. What is the relationship between being a good steward and the stewardship practices of the church?

Stewards in the Kingdom: A Theology of Life in All Its Fullness by R. Scott Rodin places emphasis on what it means to be called by God to be a steward.

Rodin states, “The thesis for this book is that by reclaiming the central motif of the steward and building it on a sound theological and biblical base, we will be freed and empowered to live as joyous children in the kingdom of God.” God desires for us “a life in all its fullness.”

Rodin asserts that most understandings of stewardship are laden with false starts. “Stewardship is the practice, the work, the vocation of a steward. It is the ‘how-to,’ the ethical imperatives of the call to be a steward.” We begin prematurely when we focus on the practice of stewardship rather than what it means to be a steward.

The right order of inquiry, Rodin claims, is to begin with a theology of the steward. The fundamental question is: “Who is this God in whose kingdom we live, whose children we are and to whom we are to be stewards?”

Stewardship is fundamentally a spiritual issue. All life is a gift from God. Stewardship is our grateful response to all that God has entrusted to us. A healthy spiritual life lives in the abundance of God's gifts and the confidence that God will provide us with all we need from day to day.

The Rev. Jerry Hoffman

The book emphasizes that it is absolutely essential to know who God is and not just know about God. General knowledge about God depends on our perceptions and interpretation of those perceptions. Sin distorts that knowledge. Therefore, we know what is real when we “seek knowledge of God only through participation in the life of the Son’s revelation of the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit.”

We become quite easily caught up in processes that will work best to raise money, because resources dominate our understanding of stewardship. We become fund raisers with the soul of stewards. When this occurs, we have started at the wrong place and are left wondering how we have failed to grow stewards.

One helpful contribution to a better understanding of stewardship is the imagining of a new paradigm

for Christian fundraising character. In his imagination, Rodin sees five characteristics:

1. “Imagine for a moment a program built on the understanding of people’s need to give to be freed from the bondage of the power of money.”

2. “Imagine designing a program that took God’s promises of rewards seriously and saw the gift of giving as the greatest blessing in the philanthropic transaction.”

3. “Imagine acknowledging the primary role of the Holy Spirit as the motivator of all our gifts and the peace and courage we would receive in our planning and asking.”

4. “Imagine a program whose objectives were built around the desire to encourage and challenge donors to a greater and deeper walk with Jesus Christ, to be a more committed level of discipleship and a lifestyle that reflected the ethics of the kingdom of God.”

5. “Imagine taking our call to be ministers, supporting and encouraging our donors to give faithfully and cheerfully as a holy act of divine worship.”

This book pushes the reader to think theologically about what it means to be a steward and then to faithfully act out our stewardship. The intended audience includes pastors, stewardship leaders and Christian fundraisers.

As you prepare to serve during this fall’s stewardship emphasis, I invite you to read this book as a way to encourage a biblical theological perspective in the messages you communicate and in the practices you advocate.

The Rev. Jerry Hoffman is the Director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN.

Congratulations

... to Charlie Groover, who graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Art degree in Supply Chain Management. He took a job with BP and moved to Houston during the summer.

The Bishop is coming! The Bishop is coming!!

Opportunity for Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation

ON Sunday, November 9, The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs, Jr., accompanied by his wife, Karla, will join us for worship.

A bishop's visit to parishes throughout the Diocese is a chance for us to get to know our Bishop better and for him to get to know us. It is also a time when those who want to be received and confirmed as adult members of the Episcopal Church (according to Bishop Gibb's policy, those approaching 16 years old or older) can present themselves for Confirmation or Reception.

If you are interested in being Confirmed or Received or Reaffirming your Baptismal Vows, please contact the church office no later than September 19. Fr. Dan would like to meet with you a number of times before November 9.

We will also be looking for those who can help us with the Special Coffee Hour that Sunday. So, look for the sign-up sheet outside of the office or on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Librarians still searching for lost books!

Summer may be over, and school may be starting, but let's not forget about the library in the rush! The library is still missing a number of books and other items. Please look around your house for library books and return them! Be sure to check out the summer overdue list in the church! Thank you for your help.



Earth Corner

From the Greening Committee

The Green Church Initiative

The following is an excerpt from "God's Earth is Sacred: An Open Letter to the Church and Society in the United States." This and other resources can be found at the Anglican Communion's Environmental Network's website at: <http://acen.anglicancommunion.org/index.cfm>.



Ecological Affirmations of Faith

"We believe that the created world is sacred—a revelation of God's power and gracious presence filling all things. This sacred quality of creation demands moderation and

sharing, urgent antidotes for our excess in consumption and waste, reminding us that economic justice is an essential condition of ecological integrity. We cling to God's trustworthy promise to restore, renew, and fulfill all that God creates. We long for and work toward the day when churches, as embodiments of Christ on Earth, will respond to the "groaning of creation" (Romans 8:22) and to God's passionate desire to "renew the face of the Earth" (Psalm 104:30). We look forward to the day when the lamentations and groans of creation will be over, justice with peace will reign, humankind will nurture not betray the Earth, and all of creation will sing for joy."

Remember, our congregation is a member of Michigan Interfaith Power and Light - and that membership includes discounts for all parishioners on energy saving products and appliances. Simply log onto: <http://www.miipl.org/buynow.html>.

Back to School: A good time to plan your legacy

By Edwina Simpson

As we all get back to more structured routines and begin a new program year of parish life, why not carve out some time to get organized financially. Make a list of all your assets — all that you own — house, cars, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, jewelry, whatever it is that you call "mine." Then take the steps necessary for putting together a good estate plan.

Only by making an estate plan can we make a planned gift to the Church.

Only by making an estate plan can we discover the joy of leaving a lasting legacy to Christ Church, the Diocese or a favorite Episcopal agency.

Call an attorney and start planning your legacy today!

And, if you want more information about ways to make a planned gift to the church or other Episcopal agencies, please contact Jan Timpko in the church office at 313.565.8450 or office@christchurchdearborn.org.

Steps to Building an Estate Plan

1. Write a will.
2. Name a durable power of attorney for financial affairs.
3. Complete a patient advocate form.
4. Record your burial or cremation wishes.
5. Plan your burial liturgy.
6. Make a planned gift to the Church.

Parish Events

SPECIAL EVENTS

Parish Picnic

Sunday, Sept. 7, 11:15AM

Join us as we kick off a new program year of parish life at our fall Parish Picnic. We'll provide the main dish; you may sign up in the Fellowship Hall to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. Parents will have the opportunity to register their children for the new education program at CEC.

Mardi Gras in September

Saturday, September 27, 4:30PM

The Evangelism Commission is sponsoring this afternoon/evening of fun for children ages 13 and under. Children will play games, eat dinner and snacks, get a tour of the church and grounds (including the playground and labyrinth) and watch a movie (or two) — all while their parents enjoy an evening to themselves elsewhere. Prizes will be awarded to those children who bring a friend, with a grand prize to the child who brings the most friends. Sign-up sheets will be posted across from the church office and in the Fellowship Hall or you may call Jan Timpko in the church office to reserve your spot.

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 are welcome.

The Adult Forums

Sundays, 11:30AM-12:15PM

Sept. 14 The Lambeth Conference
(Daniel Appleyard)

Sept. 21 My First Experience with Justice
(Paul Vandevent)

Sept. 28 Regional Water Problems
(Kay, Felt, member, Study Board of the Joint Great Lakes Commission)

Book Reading Group

Monday, October 6, 7PM

This new book reading group, led by The Rev. Bob Hart, will meet every other month on the first Monday beginning in October. Read the book, *Voices of the World*, prior to the meeting and be ready to discuss. Books may be purchased through Shaman Drum Bookshop at a 17% discount. You can

pick up your copy at Christ Church. Please pay by check made payable to Shaman Drum Bookshop or by cash. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, September 14.

Movie Night

Monday, November 3, 7PM

Watch a movie selected by the Adult Formation Commission and discuss it at the Adult Forum the following Sunday at 11:30 a.m. Movie TBD.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Children's Worship

Sundays, 10:05AM (Beginning Sept. 14)

Children participate in a child-oriented service including prayer, Bible stories, activities and song. For children 3-7 years (through 2nd grade). Meets in Room 213.

Intermediate Worship

Sundays, 10:05AM (Beginning Sept. 14)

Children 8 (third grade) to 11 years will continue to explore the Bible through an age-appropriate worship service and various activities. Meets in the Chapel.

Junior Forum

Sundays, (Beginning Sept. 14)

11:20AM-12:15PM

Children aged 4 to 11 meet together for fellowship, Christian education and fun.

JOURNEY TO ADULthood

Rite-13

For youth ages 12-14. Leader: Jeanne Martens and Jon Luke.

J2A

For youth ages 15-16. Leaders: Jessie Riney, Kevin Goss and Martha Amis.

GEL

For young people 17 and up.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Spirit of Hope Soup Kitchen

Saturday, September 6, 8:30AM-3PM

Join us as we help prepare and serve lunch to those less fortunate than us at Spirit of Hope Soup Kitchen. Sign up on the sheet posted near the church office. For more details, please call the church office at 313.565.8450.

NEW MEMBER COFFEE

Tuesday, September 16, 7PM

An informal gathering of new members

and visitors to Christ Church, as well as anyone who may just want to ask questions, make suggestions or get more involved with our faith community. Meets at Au Bon Pain, 22219 Michigan Ave. No need to RSVP. Any questions, contact Stephanie Thomas at 313.801.0925 or stephathomas@aol.com.

MEETINGS

St. Martha's Guild

Tuesday, September 9, 12PM

Bring a sandwich and join us at 12:00 o'clock. Beverage and dessert will be provided. Our guest speaker will be Phyllis Brim, who will discuss flower arrangement and flower therapy. Co-hostesses: Luceil Pedler (313.563.1843) and Jo Reiner (313.562.2363).

Outreach Committee

Sunday, September 7, 9AM

Investment Funds

Tuesday, September 9, 6PM

Adult Formation

Tuesday, September 9, 7PM

Property Committee

Wednesday, September 10, 7PM

Vestry

Sunday, September 14, 1PM

Finance Committee

Thursday, September 18, 7PM

MUSIC MINISTRY

For more information about the music program, contact Sean Jackman, Music Director, at seanmjackman@gmail.com or 313.562.0136.

Adult Choir

Wednesdays, 7:30-9PM

Weekly choir rehearsals begin September 3. New singers are always welcome.

Open Choir

Sunday, September 7, 9AM

Participating in this choir gives you the opportunity to participate in singing with the choir throughout the year, without having to attend practices weekly. Meets the first Sunday of the month in the Choir Room at 9 a.m. and sings at the 10 a.m. service.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 AA	2 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE & Healing 7:00 Boy Scouts	3 6:00 Martial Arts 6:30 Chapel Day Orientation 7:00 Martial Arts 7:30 AA 7:30 Choir	4 11:30 AA	5 1:00-3:00 Take-A-Break	6 8:30-3:00 Spirit of Hope Soup Kitchen 12:00-1:30 AA 6:30 St. Paul Concert
7 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Outreach 9:00 Open Choir 11:15 Parish Picnic 2:00 Martial Arts 3:30 Martial Arts	8 7:00 Scout Leaders 8:00 AA	9 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE 12:00 St. Martha's 6:00 Investment Fds 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Adult Formation	10 Chapel Day 4:00 Interfaith Planning 6:00 Martial Arts 7:00 Martial Arts 7:00 Property Comm 7:30 AA 7:30 Choir	11 Classes Start 11:30 AA 6:30 Energy Healing	12 1:00-3:00 Take-A-Break	13 10:00 Covenant V 11:00 Ebling Memorial 12:00-1:30 AA 3:00 Godette Memorial
14 8:00 & 10:00 HE 10:05 Children's Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour 11:30 Education Starts 1:00 Vestry Meet 2:00 Martial Arts 3:30 Martial Arts	15 8:00 AA	16 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Morning Prayer 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 New member coffee: Au Bon Pain	17 6:00 Martial Arts 7:00 Martial Arts 7:30 AA 7:30 Choir	18 11:30 AA 7:00 Finance	19 1:00-3:00 Take-A-Break 6:30 Girl Scouts	20 12:00-1:30 AA
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Service Schedule

Week of August 31

Acolytes Greeters/Ushers (10am) Team 5 – I Behm, B Ryan, P Snyder, J Garriss
C Kappauf (8am) J Pedler
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) A Johnson
(10am) N Lehnert, D Brehob, R Groover
Altar Guild K Green, R Green, L Pedler
LEV's M Shelton, B Hall
VPOD C Serfass
Memorial Garden J Shaw, N Kreager
Sunday Readings: The 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8;
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Week of September 7

Acolytes Anna Behm, W McCardell, E Brehob, Andrew Behm
Ushers/Greeters (8am) A Keller
(10am) Team 1 – N Bell, E Bell, D Brim
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) M Sallman
(10am) M Piernick, B Hall, A Johnson
Altar Guild K Green, R Green, C Kappaul
LEV's E Simpson, S Mulkern
VPOD J Garriss
Memorial Garden D Brim, P Brim
Sunday Readings: The 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40;
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Week of September 14

Acolytes M Brehob, T Morrison, R Green, A Green
Ushers/Greeters (8am) G Borgeson
(10am) Team 3 – T Hines, L Hines,
M Piernick, T Ludwig
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) E Simpson
(10am) K Green, M Sallman, M Amis

Week of September 14, continued

Altar Guild C Goss, E Boyar, B Caldwell
LEV's M Shelton, M Pellegrino
VPOD L Nolan
Memorial Garden B Buzby, M KeGuire
Sunday Readings: The 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:8-13;
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Week of September 21

Acolytes C Nolan, I Appleyard, C Kappauf, J Appleyard
Ushers/Greeters (8am) K Goss
(10am) Team 2 – J Connelly, D Leduc,
M Shelton, S Bennett
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) K Green
(10am) N Lehnert, E Simpson, D Brehob

Altar Guild tbd
VPOD B Ryan
Memorial Garden R Warner, S McCullen
Sunday Readings: The 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Johan 3:14-4:1; Psalm 145:1-8;
Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Week of September 28

Acolytes J Vandevent, A Behm, E Sallman, Andrew Behm
Ushers/Greeters (8am) T Foster
(10am) Team 4 – P Owens, B Owens, M J Searles
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) N Lehnert
(10am) D Petts, R Groover, B Hall
Altar Guild tbd
VPOD E Morrison
Sunday Readings: The 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32; Psalm 25:1-8;
Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

ETCETERA

SAVE THESE DATES

Crop Walk Sunday, October 7, 1 PM

Get your walking shoes ready for this annual fundraiser to benefit Church World Services' ministry to the poor and hungry. Choose from one-, three- and five-mile walks in the Dearborn area, beginning and ending at Christ Church. We're in need of volunteers to be serve as drivers, crossing guards or registrars and to help in the kitchen. For more information, contact Bob Ryan at 313.846.1006 or rlyan99b@sbcglobal.net.



Water for Life, Water for All Sunday, October 19, 2-5PM

Don't miss this community-wide fund raising event to benefit global and local efforts to provide clean water for people is being sponsored by the Stewardship and Outreach Commissions. Local musicians will perform music in various styles during this special concert. Invite your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to join you.



FINANCIAL CORNER

Income & Expenses as of July 31, 2008

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income (Pledges & Offerings)	\$193,129	\$194,905
Other	\$28,588	\$16,875
Total Operating Income	\$221,717	\$211,780
Less Operating Expenses	-\$238,198	-\$244,958
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$(16,481)	\$(33,178)
2007 Carry-over Cash	\$20,431	\$20,431



October Courier Deadline

Submit news and articles by September 12 to JoAnn Amicangelo at joamicangelo@wideopenwest.com.

PASSAGES

BIRTHDAYS

9/01 John Dolega
 9/02 Christopher Marzonie, Collin Ukrainec, Shirley Zaler
 9/03 Leslie Bache, Peter Nini
 9/05 Gwendolyn Logan
 9/06 George Ebling
 9/08 Barry Kish
 9/09 Ann Farkas
 9/10 Shirley Mooney
 9/12 Grace Audi, Calvin Schmidt, Trudy Sell
 9/14 Richard Audi, Katherine Blasier
 9/15 Al Lieberman, Jack McCutcheon, Monica McLeod
 9/16 Sarge Thomas
 9/18 Georgiana Miller

9/19 Jonathan Gray, Megan O'Brien
 9/21 Jane Culp
 9/23 Catherine Gauthier
 9/24 Charles Groover
 9/25 Martha Amis, Stuart Waddell
 9/27 Barbara Hall, Evelyn Hodges, Suzie Stuber
 9/29 Karma Woolever
 9/30 Nancy Bowers

ANNIVERSARIES

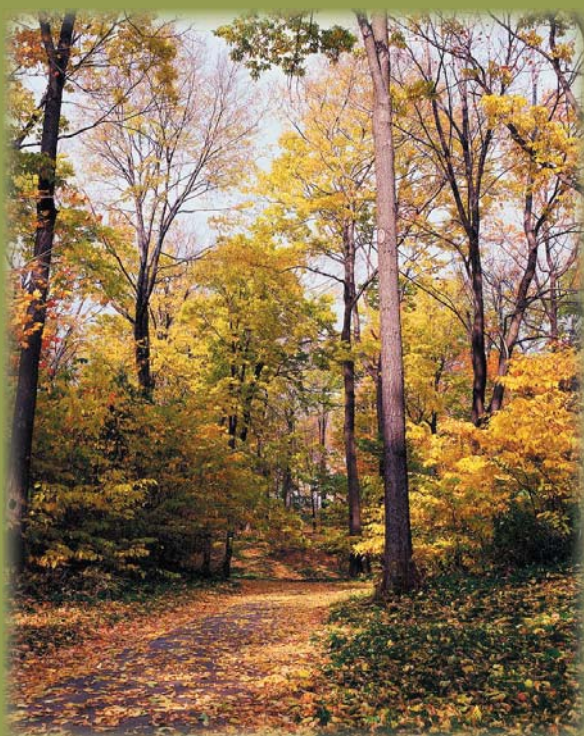
9/02 John & Eleanor Dolega, 54 years
 9/04 Elmer & Ann Farkas, 60 years
 9/11 Robert & Eunice Buzby, 60 years
 9/13 Richard & Susan Audi, 11 years

9/14 William & Donna Behm, 40 years
 9/15 Ted & Jean Oelkers, 52 years
 9/18 Peter & Lynn Kenney, 37 years
 9/21 Keith & Marie Cooper, 17 years
 9/22 Marie and Michael Lamb, 1 year
 Al & Leah Lieberman, 7 years
 Kent & Vicki Rogers, 18 years
 9/26 Leah and Michael DeGuire, 10 years
 9/30 Katie & Jason Hayburn, 8 years

DEATHS

Elaine Passage, 6/12
 Robin Kedzo, 7/02

“Now is the accepted time, not tomorrow, not some more convenient season. It is today that our best work can be done and not some future day or future year. It is today that we fit ourselves for the greater usefulness of tomorrow. Today is the seed time, now are the hours of work, and tomorrow comes the harvest and the playtime.”



W. E. B. Du Bois
American Scholar, Sociologist and Civil-Rights Leader, 1868-1963

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