

FALL INGATHERING FINANCIAL COMMITMENT CAMPAIGN

Sunday, November 9

Share in the fellowship and celebration of our continued commitment to each other and to the mission of Christ Church. Bring your 2009 pledge card to present at the altar.

THE delightful hymn, "Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring," keeps life in perspective: We're human beings. Many of us try to do the best we can, yet sometimes we fall short. But at the end of the day, God loves us anyway, and the most gratifying thing we can do is love God back.

Everything we do that shows God our love is called worship. Oftentimes, that takes place Sunday mornings, but not always – every moment of every day is a chance to worship God. We worship through our praise and our prayers, by our giving to and our learning more about God.

Think for a minute about why and to whom you give. Remember that your gifts are a way of showing God your love. And know that God accepts whatever we bring when we bring it with a joyful and grateful heart.

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table. We do not worship as we ought, but only as we're able. Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer before you. Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you. Amen.

Shelley Cunningham

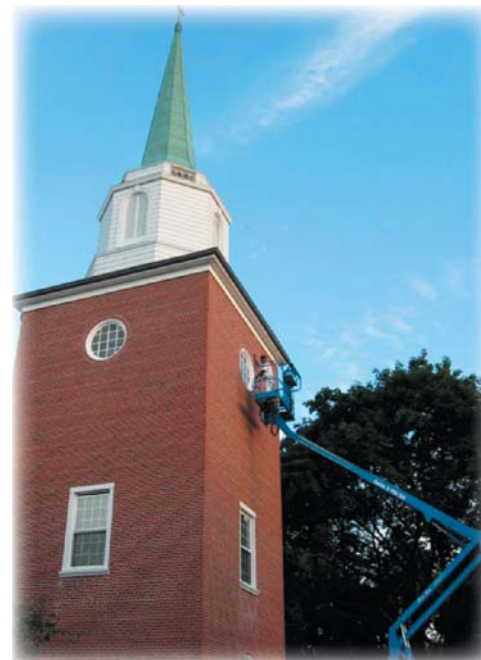
Improvements completed, more is needed

By Matt Piernick, Co-Chair, Property Commission

HAVE you driven by the church lately and noticed the building and grounds look strikingly more attractive than before?

Let's face it: We are blessed to have such a beautiful church, situated in a park-like setting, right in the heart of Dearborn. But, time is definitely taking its toll, and there was a long overdue need to give our facility some tender loving care.

For years, many of us noticed, for example, that the church windows were sorely in need of major repair or replacement. A bid to replace them, received about five years ago, came in at \$10,000 per window, times 10 windows, or \$100,000. And



that didn't include the chapel windows, which were even worse. Nor did it include the round high tower windows or the tower shutters, which also needed much work. That estimate also didn't include replacing 30 pieces of cracked glass and repairing, reglazing and repainting four stained glass windows around the altar/pulpit area. And so on, and so on. Just like at home, there is much work to be done, and not much money with which to do it!

Then, near the end of August, we were able to contract with George Thomas, G&T Painting, to enter a comprehensive contract to tackle a LONG list of exterior improvements. The list included all of those listed above, plus many more items, even some around the sexton's house. I know many of you saw George and his crew working hard, repairing, scraping,

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Child care nursery up and running

By Karen Marzonie

THE Child Care Nursery is fully staffed now and is available for parents with young children aged 3 and under. Located in the lower level of Stacey Hall just up the ramp from the kitchen, the nursery is a colorful room with many wonderful toys for our young children to explore.

As required by the Diocese and Christ Church policy, two child care workers will be in the nursery each Sunday. Typically, the child care workers arrive at 9:45 a.m. and stay through the church service and forum time, which ends at 12:15 pm. However, if no child arrives for nursery care by 10:20 a.m., the workers will end their shift for the day. On the first Sunday of the month, the child care workers will arrive at 8:45



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sanding, caulking, reglazing, priming and painting, and the results were great!

All told, the exterior work done by G & T came to \$22,000, which came out of the now almost-depleted Capital Improvements/Maintenance Fund. We are very pleased to have saved these beautiful windows, which should now give us many more years of fine service, plus completing a lot of other projects.

The final touch on the exterior improvements were compliments of Doug Brim of our Property Commission. Doug was responsible for replacing all the lenses on the post lanterns around the grounds, giving the lights a much brighter appearance, and also for getting all the trees trimmed on the grounds, so that you can now see the beautiful church building in all its splendor, night or day. Check it out.

Interior Work Needed

We now have a large list of interior projects we would like to get completed. They include: sanding, priming and repainting all the interiors of the windows "fixed" on the outside; plaster repairs in the church, chapel, kitchen and choir room; priming and painting of the undercroft, church and chapel; and miscellaneous other projects. Problem is, we have about \$34,000 worth of work to be done on this list, and only about \$16,000 remaining in the Capital Improvements/Maintenance Fund. Once again, much work to be done, not much money with which to do it!

Your Property Commission doesn't have a solution for this situation at this time. Do you have any ideas? If so, please pass them along to Father Daniel, to anyone on the Vestry or Property Commission – myself, Jerry Behm, Doug Brim or Jamie Connelly.

Water for Life, Water for All

Benefit raises thousands for village water system

By Ross Groover

CHRIST Church parishioners and the Dearborn community were treated to a spectacular afternoon of music at the Water for Life, Water for All benefit concert on Sunday, October 19. Wine, beer, cheese and chocolate were tasted and other assorted treats were enjoyed while music was heard all over the church on a beautiful fall afternoon. From



Stephanie Mulkern and Steelin' Time belting it out in the sanctuary to our own Sean Jackman and Kypros Markou on piano and violin in the lounge, music was in the air everywhere people gathered.

As our rector remarked, "It was a wonderful day! The musicians were exceptional. The food and drink delightful. The fellowship fun. And all for the goal of bringing the gift of water to those in need! It was great!"

One of the goals of the benefit concert was to raise money to build a water system for a village in Africa. A complete water system costs about \$7,800 through Church World Services, and the afternoon brought in more than \$3,200 in donations toward that goal.

We will continue to raise money through the end of 2008 to meet our goal, so watch for more information about how you can get involved.

If you have ever thought about making a donation in a loved one's honor in lieu of a Christmas gift, this would be a great choice! There will be more information about this as we get closer to the holiday season. Check out the bulletin board in the hallway outside the sanctuary, the December Courier and weekly Communicator for additional ideas and to see our progress towards the goal of providing safe water for one community.



Thanks to the five groups that performed, those who prepared the food and drinks, those who assisted at the event and those who came and enjoyed themselves. It was nice to see people wandering our halls enjoying themselves in community with others. We are indeed more when we are reaching out to others.

From the Rector

The Rev. Daniel Appleyard

Practicing the generosity of Jesus

Dear Friends,

SOME thoughts as we approach our In-Gathering on Sunday, November 9, and as you reflect on how you will respond to our Financial Commitment program this year.

Snippet #1 — Scarcity

Scarcity is a powerful biblical theme, and that should tell us that we and all of humanity have struggled with our perception of scarcity in our lives. The Hebrew Scriptures, the New Testament and the Gospels are filled with stories that reflect our tendency to say, “There isn’t enough!” only to discover that God has poured out “manna to satisfy our hunger in our wildernesses” and “turned water into wine.” In a time of economic crisis, the message of scarcity has an even stronger grip on society and the church.

I recently read an article by Lynn Twist who wrote, “Scarcity is the chronic sense of inadequacy about life. It is the place from which we think and act and live in the world. It shapes the deepest sense we have about ourselves, and becomes the lens through which we experience life. In the mind-set of scarcity we find three central myths that have come to define our relationship with money and that block our access to more honest and fulfilling interactions with it: 1) There’s not enough; 2) More is better; and 3) That’s just the way it is.” Too often the way the society, and the church, copes with this attitude is through fear, or even guilt.

Which leads me to ...

Snippet #2 — Fear and Humor

I came across a hilarious article by The Rev. Steve Keplinger in The Episcopal Stewardship Network’s (TENS) newsletter for September 2008, entitled “Tithe or Burn.” In it, he describes a new “fake financial program” that his parish leadership inaugurated this year: The “Tithe or Be Damned Campaign!” In his “faux letter” to the congregation he wrote:

Though our Rector and entire Vestry reject such a theology as disgusting, crass, abhorrent and the opposite of the way we understand our relationship with God, we have decided that the only way that we can

possibly make the budget this year is to convince you that you will spend eternity burning in the unquenchable fires of hell if you don’t triple your pledge... It seems to work for Pat Robinson and Jerry Falwell, so why not us? So, as you prayerfully consider how you can best bring about the kingdom of God by offering to St. David’s your time, talent and treasure, we would add one more motivating factor in you decision – FEAR! Pay up or prepare to pay God later... for all eternity!

Humor has the capacity to liberate us from our fears and even our guilt! And, of course, the reason I take delight in this tongue-in-cheek “campaign” is that it represents the opposite of Christ Church’s theology of why we contribute to the church. Like many of you, I believe that God has abundantly blessed all creation! Unlike the “Fear Campaign,” our theology claims that creation is infused with the Creator’s generosity, and since we are made in God’s image, we too are infused with generosity!

So, the challenge we face in our faith journey is to create the habits – practice the ways – that can imitate the generosity that Jesus shows us in his life. Or as Parker Palmer put it, ask the

questions: “Is the life I am living the same as the life that wants to live in me?” Am I being true to myself? Am I giving the best of myself?”

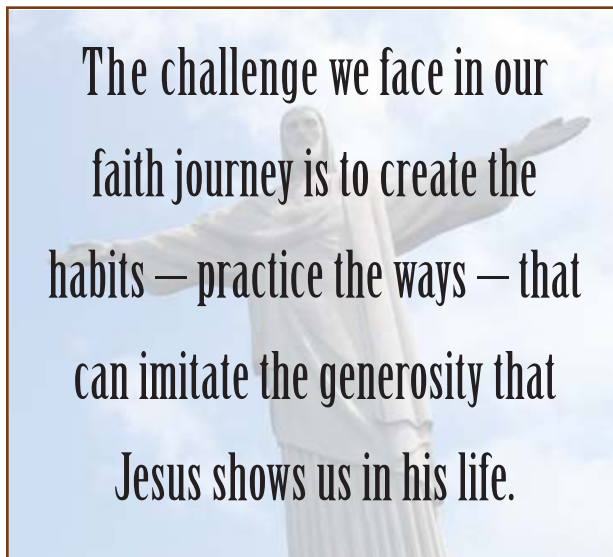
Like the rich young man in Mark 10, we all have something precious to offer to the world. Are we giving it in the way that we might? Sharing our abundance may, as Jesus says, be impossible for mortals, for those who live in fear, but nothing is impossible with God at our side.

Snippet #3 – A metaphor, entitled “Hand in Glove”

Hold up a glove. The glove, by itself, does not pick up anything. It is limp, helpless. Slide your hand into it. The glove now has dexterity and power. It has become a gifted, smart glove that can accomplish innumerable tasks.

Money is a glove through which the hand of human personality expresses itself. The glove by itself is neither good nor bad. The hand in the glove can take on either self-centered or self-giving characteristics. It can either open to give or grasp in greed.

Peace,
Daniel



Fair Trade for the Holidays



THE Outreach Commission's sales of Fair Trade coffee, tea, hot cocoa, and chocolate are continuing on the first Sunday of each month. Fair Trade chocolates, cocoas, teas, and coffees make perfect gifts for the holiday season.

Special holiday gift order forms will be available on Sunday, November 2 and 9. By combining a variety of Fair Trade goods, you can customize a unique gift box for each of those special people on your



Christmas list! For an additional charge, gift basket wrapping will also be available. All orders must be in to Elli Bell (book_freak22@yahoo.com) by Sunday, November 23 to ensure timely delivery for all. Gift boxes/baskets will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 7 as regular sales continue.

Vestry Reflection

By Erika Morrison

Church community as extended family

THERE are so many reasons to join a church, but for me, no reason is more important than the great sense of extended family and community. For someone who doesn't have family around, a church is a vital part of living in any particular place. When George and I lived in Columbus, Mississippi, we were members of an Episcopal church where we felt very welcome and useful. We taught church school together, and the priest and his wife are Teddy's god-parents.

When I lived with my family in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, our church wasn't as large a part of our lives, but I had friends at church that were different from my friends at school, and that made it important. Growing up in the Bay Area of California, we were members of a church community that was a huge part of our lives. My mom was on the altar guild; my dad, sister and I sang in the choir; my sister and I were in the youth group and we socialized with our church family. And very early on, when I was two to six years old and we lived in The Netherlands, I remember our church community being the people we could speak English with, something my mom found vital to her existence in a foreign land. Although I don't remember much more than that, it must have been a large part of our lives, because when we moved back to the US, they gave us a large clock with delft-like decoration.

As you can see, I've always had a church community in my life. George and I, as a married couple and now a family with Teddy and Tripp, have never lived near our families, so this extended church family becomes that much more important.

Over the past 10 years, our family has been blessed time and time again with wonderful friends, friends from around the Dearborn community, but mostly **friends from church**. When we need help, we need to know there's someone there, and at church, there is.

Help, who needs help? I think that, as a woman born in the 60's, who has a good education, a wonderful husband and a spirit to do everything, I shouldn't need to ask for help; I can take care of things myself. I am the caretaker of the world and I don't need help. Well, I've been proven wrong...very wrong. Having gone through surgery at the end of September, I now know that I can't do it all myself. I need help and a church community is the best place to turn. We all need someone to call when we need a hand, we all need a list of people to turn to in crisis, and we all need to know that we'll be taken care of.

I recently needed a ride to the doctor's office, so I called my neighbor. She is always willing to help so she got me to the doctor, but we soon realized that the visit would take longer than planned and she had to get home to her kids. I pulled out my PDA and started down the list of people I knew could call for help. George was on his way to be with me, we just needed someone to pick Teddy up from football practice and take him home. I wrote down a list of names and numbers and realized that they were all church members. Yep, my church community was who I was turning to in a time of need and they came through for me.

This is only one example of the help I've received recently; there have been many of you, our church family members, that have helped out. I've had visitors, we've received meals, we've gotten help chauffeuring kids around and we've been able to rest peacefully knowing that you all are out there. THANK YOU, you've been there without being asked for help AND you've been there when I've asked! **A church community is important!**



BRIEFLY

Need your lawn raked?

J2A will rake your lawn as part of their fundraising efforts for their J2A pilgrimage next summer. We are also available for other fall chores, indoor or out, as well as babysitting, or helping in the house. Please don't hesitate to contact us, for any job, to get us to work for you! Contact J2A at 313.274 9088 or email booklover942003@yahoo.co.uk for these services. And, thank you for supporting J2A and their 2009 Pilgrimage!

Food Basket Collections Resume

On Sunday, November 2, Intermediate Worship will be carrying the food basket. They hope to collect plenty of food, and it will help our economy and goes to the food pantry. We will be doing this on the first Sunday of every month, so bring packets, cereal, canned food - no fresh food, please. Each month we hope to get more food than the last time. Thank you for your support. Any questions, see Adam Culp, Intermediate Worship.

Tour the sacred places of eastern faiths

WISDOM is hosting Sacred Spaces/Eastern Faiths on Sunday, November 9 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. This event is an opportunity to learn about the faiths of our neighbors. Participants will tour a Hindu temple, Sikh Gurdwara and a Jain temple and learn about the founders of these faiths, their core beliefs, rituals and customs and a basic history of the faith community in the world and in America. You'll also have opportunity to be part of a prayer service/religious event and take-home materials will be provided for future reference. The cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch and expenses. Registration forms are available in the church office.

Mardi Gras in September a rousing success

By Kevin Green

THE Evangelism Commission hosted **Mardi Gras in September: Parents' Night Out** on Saturday, September 27 with at least 30 children, ages 2-13, in attendance. A great time was had by all, including the many adult and teen helpers.

The children were encouraged to bring their friends and many did so, with Austin Thomas winning the grand prize for bringing the most non-Christ Church buddies. One of the highlights of the evening was the Mardi Gras games, which are the ones that we have traditionally pulled out of storage and played on the Sunday before Lent begins, including roulette, ring the bottle, bowling (with a softball suspended on a string), putting and bean bag toss. It seems

3rd annual early Thanksgiving Celebration

Friends United, an initiative of the First United Methodist Church of Dearborn and a community of Arab American leaders, invites you to an Early Thanksgiving celebration on Thursday, November 13, 5:30 - 9 p.m., at the Islamic Center of America, 19500 Ford Road in Dearborn. The menu will include Halal roasted turkey with traditional trimmings and middle eastern dishes. Free-will donations will be accepted to support this event and future Friends United programs. Reservations are requested by November 6, and can be made through Jan in the church office by phone or email.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration

The 22nd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Celebration will be held on Wednesday, November 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Westminster Church of Detroit (Presbyterian), 17567 Hubbell St., Detroit, MI 48107. This year's theme will be **From Every Tribe, Race and Nation: We, the People**. Those who gather on that evening will join Native Americans, Bahais, Buddhists, Sikhs, Muslims, Hindus, Jews and Christians who will come together as one, in order to witness to their common spiritual bond as children of God. The service will feature prayers, readings and meditations representing eight different traditions, Hindu dance and music of various cultures and traditions, as well as the Mosaic Youth Theatre Players, a community theater and arts organization supporting young adults in the metro-Detroit area. Safe, lighted and secure parking is available at the Westminster Church of Detroit. All are welcome to experience this very different service of "interfaith blessing" that promises to open new understanding of who we are as spiritual beings and children of God.

the kids never tire of these old stand-bys. The children also decorated goody bags and enjoyed having their faces painted.

After a dinner of walking tacos and pizza, the activities moved outside for some free time, followed by a tour of the church and an opportunity for many of the children to play the large pipe organ in the sanctuary. The evening concluded with a large screen, theatre-like showing of "The Incredibles," with plenty of popcorn to go around.

With their children in good hands, the parents were able to spend some kid-free time together, which many did, including Mike and Leah DeGuire, who were able to celebrate their 10th anniversary together in Ann Arbor.

Many thanks to all of our helpers as well as the children who attended and made this event so much fun. We look forward to hosting more events for adults and kids in the coming year.



Working Toward UN Millennium Development Goals

By Toc Dunlap and Sakena Yacoobi

MORE and more attention is focused on the UN Millennium Development Goals these days and here at Creating Hope International (CHI) and the Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL), we are very happy about that.

Long before the goals were adopted by UN Member States, CHI and AIL had already established the goals and were working towards them in our small ways. Since we are often asked about what we are doing in relation to the goals, we took a moment to see how we have done in Afghanistan on a few of the goals that are most important to us. Following is what we found:

Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger by providing employment, particularly for women.

We work in rural and poor urban communities in Afghanistan and Pakistan where there are no schools. Since 1996, approximately 15,000 girls and women have taken classes in sewing, carpet weaving, beauty shop management and the making of various crafts. ALL of those who have taken the classes are now earning money using the skills they have learned. Most work out of their homes, but they all have been able to help their families economic situation.

Achieve universal primary education.

Since 1996, more than 100,000 Afghan children and illiterate adults have attended AIL's schools and educational



learning centers. Ninety nine percent of these students were studying at the primary school level. Because of the turmoil in Afghanistan, we don't know how many have completed primary school, but we do know that many have completed high school and are now going to the university, including girls who studied in AIL's underground home schools under the Taliban.

Reduce child mortality and improve maternal health.

These are two of our most important objectives. In the last three years, through our three rural clinics in Afghanistan, we have provided reproductive health services to 50,528 women, vaccinated 129,210 women and children, given health education on basic health subjects to 379,770 women and have delivered 253 babies at our clinics with no deaths. The number of deliveries may not seem like a lot, but in Afghanistan, 99% of

babies are delivered at home.

We continue to need your support. A little or a lot helps us in some of the following ways:

\$10 provides books and school supplies for one year for one student.

\$30 buys emergency packets of food for 2 families or 8 people for one month.

\$40 pays the salary of a teacher for a month.

\$75 provides health services and education for 42 women.

\$2,200 provides everything needed for a tailoring course for 25 women, enabling them to support their families after they have finished.

\$7,400 supports a small women's learning center for 200 students for a year. (High school students in Orange County, California, raised this money recently through a concert and donations for AIL.)

If you would like to learn more, come and hear Sakena Yacoobi, executive director of AIL, speak at Christ Church on Sunday, November 23 during the Forum.

We want to thank all of you at Christ Church for the support that you have given and continue to give us. It encourages us to keep working to meet our and the UN goals.

IRA Charitable Rollover renewed

ONE of the provisions of the "economic bailout" package is the renewal of the IRA Charitable Rollover. If you have more IRA income than you need, and if you are 70 1/2 or older, you may gift up to \$100,000 of your IRA to charities in 2008 and 2009.

It's very easy to make the gift by

directing your custodian to transfer an amount or a percentage of your IRA directly to the charity. The amount of the transfer each year is not taxable income to you, doesn't affect the taxability of your Social Security, will count toward your required minimum distribution, and not qualify for an

income tax deduction. It's about as simple a gift as you can make, whether you itemize your deductions or not.

You may contact your IRA custodian directly on how to make an IRA Charitable Rollover to the church and other favorite charities.

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a.m. to care for young children of those involved in choir practice, too.

The child care workers include three University of Michigan-Dearborn college students, Crystal Stewart,

Michelle Boettger and Becca Sovoda, and David Patterson, a Dearborn High School senior taking college level courses. Crystal will serve as the coordinator and typically be assisted by Michelle. Becca and David will serve

as substitutes, as needed.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Karen Marzonie at 313.565.5945 or Mike DeGuire at emdigg@gmail.com.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Service Schedule

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2

Acolytes C. Nolan, W. McCardell, E. Brehob, A. Behm
Greeters/Ushers (8am) K. Goss
 (10am) Team 3 – T. Hines, L. Hines, M. Piernick,
 T. Ludwig
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) R. Groover
 (10am) G. Morrison, M. Sallman, D. Cardwell

Altar Guild S. McCullen, E. Brehob, M.J. Crane
VPOD B. Ryan

Sunday Readings: All Saints
 Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10,22;
 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9

Acolytes M. Brehob, T. Morrison, R. Green, A. Green
Ushers/Greeters (8am) T. Foster
 (10am) Team 4 – P. Owens, B. Owens,
 M.J. Searles
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) B. Hall
 (10am) D. Petts, M. Amis, D. Brehob

Altar Guild K. Green, A. Green, C. Goss
LEVs S. Mulkern, E. Simpson

VPOD
Sunday Readings: The 26th Sunday after Pentecost
 Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 20;
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16

Acolytes C. Nolan, I. Appleyard, C. Kappauf, L. Culp
Ushers/Greeters (8am) L. Crane
 (10am) Team 5 – B. Ryan, P. Snyder, J. Garris
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) G. Morrison

(10am) B. Simpson, E. Simpson, R. Groover
 K. Hipp, C. Kappauf, D. Hipp
 A. Johnson

Altar Guild
VPOD

Sunday Readings: The 27th Sunday after Pentecost
 Zephaniah 1:7,12-18; Psalm 90:1-8,12;
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23

Acolytes I. Appleyard, J. Vandeventer, E. Sallman, J. Appleyard
Ushers/Greeters (8am) J. Pedler
 (10am) Team 1 – N. Bell, E. Bell, D. Brim
 (8am) M. Sallman

Lector/L.E.M.

(10am) B. Simpson, A. Johnson, B. Hall
 J. Reiner, J. Shaw, J. & A. Piernick
 Clergy Visit – Henry Ford Village
 C. Serfass

Altar Guild
LEVs
VPOD

Sunday Readings: The Last Sunday after Pentecost
 Ezekiel 34:11-16; Psalm 95:1-7a;
 Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30

Acolytes A. Behm, C. Nolan, E. Brehob, A. Behm
Ushers/Greeters (8am) A. Keller
 (10am) Team 2 – J. Connelly, D. Leduc, M. Shelton,
 S. Bennett
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) M. A. Zawada
 (10am) K. Green, B. Hall, A. Johnson

Lector/L.E.M.

G. Morrison, E. Boyar, E. Brehob
 J. Garris

Altar Guild
VPOD

Sunday Readings: The First Sunday of Advent
 Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7,16-18;
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Parish Events

SPECIAL EVENTS

Bishop's Visit

Sunday, November 9, 10AM

The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs, Jr., and his wife, Karla, will join us for worship. His visit gives us a chance to get to know our Bishop better and for him to get to know us. If you want to help with the Special Coffee Hour that day, please sign up in the church office or Fellowship Hall.

Stewardship Ingathering

Sunday, Nov. 9, 11:15AM

Share in the fellowship and celebration of our continued commitment to each other and to the mission of Christ Church. Bring your 2009 pledge card to present at the altar on Sunday, November 9. Refreshments will be enjoyed following the 10:00 service. If you will not be in church that Sunday, you may send your commitment card to the church office.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Sunday, Nov. 16, 11:15AM

Share your bounty with those less fortunate than others by bringing canned or boxed non-perishable items fit for a Thanksgiving meal to the Fellowship Hall kitchen by the 16th. Grocery store gift cards will also be accepted to help purchase fresh fruit and vegetables. Baskets will be packed after a light brunch following the 10:00 service. Please bring a brunch dish to pass; an entree will be provided.

Boy Scouts at Christ Church

Christmas Greenery Sale

Sunday, Nov. 16 and 23

The Boy Scouts will take orders for Christmas greenery after services. Look to the weekly *Communicator* for delivery dates.

OUTREACH

Spirit of Hope Soup Kitchen

Saturday, November 1, 8:30AM-3PM

Help prepare and serve lunch to the homeless and hungry in metro-Detroit. Sign up on the sheet posted near the church office.

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

Nov. 2 Movie Preview: *The Bishop's Wife* (Paul Vandevent)

Nov. 9 No Forum or Conversation with the Bishop

Nov. 16 Thanksgiving Basket Preparation

Nov. 23 ALL with Sakena Yacoobi

Nov. 30 No Forum

Movie Night

Monday, November 3, 7PM

The Bishop's Wife has been selected for the first Movie Night of the program year. This delightful comedy stars Cary Grant as Dudley, a suave angel who comes to Earth to help distraught young Episcopalian bishop, Henry Brougham (David Niven), raise money for a new cathedral and soothe the neglected bishop's wife Julia (Loretta Young). Eventually, the lives of both Henry and Julia are agreeably altered by the presence of the affable angel: He regains the "common touch" he'd almost lost, while she realizes anew how much she truly loves her husband. We will discuss the movie at the Adult Forum Sunday, November 9 at 11:30 a.m.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Children's Worship

Sundays, 10:05AM

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

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

Junior Forum

Sunday, 11:20AM-12:15PM

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

Nov. 2 Final Music Preparation for Bishop's Visit (Choir Room)

Nov. 9 Art Project - Early Christian Sites (Room 213)

Nov. 16 Thanksgiving Basket Preparation (Fellowship Hall)

Nov. 23 Cooking in the Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)

Nov. 30 No Forum

JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD

Rite-13

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

Nov. 8 at 6PM — Game & Movie Night

J2A

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

GEL

For young people 17 and up.

FELLOWSHIP

St. Martha's Guild

Tuesday, November 11, 12PM

St. Martha's Guild will meet at Sign of the Beefcarver restaurant, 23100 Michigan Avenue in Dearborn for their meeting this month. They will order and pay for lunch on an individual basis. All are welcome. Any questions, please contact Chaplain Deborah Taylor at 313.292.2587.

New Member Coffee

Tuesday, November 18, 7PM

An informal gathering of 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.

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 rehearsal. New singers are always welcome.

Open Choir

Sunday, November 2, 9AM

Participating in this choir gives you the opportunity to sing 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.

MEETINGS

Outreach Committee

Sunday, November 2, 9AM

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Parish Events

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Vestry

Sunday, November 9, 1PM

Property Committee

Wednesday, November 12, 7PM

Library Committee

Wednesday, November 19, 1PM

Finance Committee

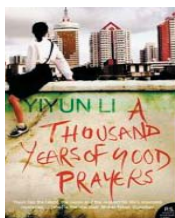
Thursday, November 20, 7PM

LOOKING AHEAD

Book Reading Group

Monday, December 1, 7PM

This group, led by The Rev. Bob Hart, meets every other month on the first Monday. For December's meeting, please read *A Thousand Years of Good Prayers*, a compilation of short stories by Chinese author Yiyun Li, winner of the Hemmingway Foundation/Pen Award. These stories are set in China and among Chinese Americans in the U.S. The author shows how mythology, politics, history, and culture intersect with personality to create fate. See sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall and church office to reserve your copy of the book.



HOLIDAY PLANNING

Blue Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 17, 6:30pm

This brief, but special service is designed for those who are grieving, giving them opportunity to gather together to make space for sadness, anger and remembrance as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child. Music, prayers and scripture in the chapel. Light refreshments and fellowship afterwards.

Greening of the Church

Sunday, December 21, 11:30AM

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24

5:30PM - Family Service & Pageant (Designed for families with young children);
11:00PM - Festive Service

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25, 10AM

Holy Eucharist

December Courier Deadline

Submit news and articles by November 15 to JoAnn Amicangelo at joamicangelo@wideopenwest.com.

ETCETERA

DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME
ENDS
November 2
Turn your
clocks
BACK one hour.

Christ Church wins top newsletter award

The Courier won the Blue Ribbon for General Excellence (small church) in The Record's annual newsletter contest. Judges said the newsletter "provides abundant information about the activities and people of Christ Church ... as well as the parish's relationships in the community, in an appealing and well-organized format that doesn't overwhelm. Longer articles, which are well written, are interspersed with 'briefs' that provide enough detail to entice or update." Christ Church also grabbed the Red Ribbon for Sharp Layout and Appearance, while Daniel Appleyard took the Red Ribbon for Theological Reflection for "An In-gathering of All the Saints," published in the November 2007 issue of *The Courier*.

FINANCIAL CORNER

Income & Expenses as of September 30, 2008

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income (Pledges & Offerings)	\$237,301	\$242,235
Other	\$34,694	\$23,400
Total Operating Income	\$271,995	\$265,635
Less Operating Expenses	-\$302,305	-\$310,740
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$30,310)	(\$45,105)
2007 Carry-over Cash	\$20,431	\$20,431

PASSAGES

BIRTHDAYS

11/01 Elizabeth Gauthier
11/02 Alex Boyar
11/03 Emily Brehob, Collin Kappauf
11/05 Alyssa Kish,
Mei Ling Marzonie, Dick Petts
11/10 Susan Audi, Jean Hoffman
Erika Stanis
11/11 Thomas Ludwig
11/14 Kade Blake
11/15 Richard Baker,
Joshua Groover,
Holden Spencer
11/16 Alice Boltrick, Mike DeGuire
11/18 Dale Taylor
11/19 Beverly Schornhorst
11/21 Dalton Stuber
11/22 Ellen Chapman
11/25 Marion Bloye

11/26 Carol Waddell
11/28 Amy Penk, Helena Thornton
11/29 Barry Kish, Ruth Warner
11/30 Erin Nini, Jo Reiner

ANNIVERSARIES

11/05 Alex & Elizabeth Boyar (14)
11/18 George & Erika Morrison (20)
11/22 Daniel & Kristin Hipp (33)
11/26 Frederick & Barbara
Brandenburg (59)
11/27 Jerry & Isabelle Behm (16)
John & Jane Culp (16)
11/28 John & Tracey Audi (10)

DEATHS

10/04 Eileen Nieves
10/26 Leah DeGuire

Thanksgiving is the holiday of peace.



the celebration of work and the simple life... a true folk-festival that speaks the poetry of the turn of the seasons, the beauty of seedtime and harvest, the ripe product of the year - and the deep, deep connection of all these things with God.

Ray Stannard Baker

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