

Youth participate in Michigan Roundtable's Religious Diversity Journey

THE J2A group at Christ Church has begun a journey into religious diversity. Sponsored by the Michigan Roundtable, the **Religious Diversity Journey — Congregations 2008** is a program for middle school students designed to make young people aware of the differences and similarities among some of the major religions found in metropolitan Detroit.

"This is an innovative program that will bring together a wide spectrum of religious communities, including Christian, Muslim, Hindu and Jewish faiths, from the suburbs to inner city Detroit," said The Rev. Daniel Appleyard. "Its purpose is to foster communication and tolerance with one another."

J2Aers and their leaders, Martha Amis, Kevin Goss and Jessica Riney, will take one journey a month on Sunday afternoons focusing on a particular faith. On January 27, the group gathered at Bethany Baptist Church in Detroit and will visit an Islamic mosque in Dearborn and on February 24. Students will be given a base knowledge of each religion in order to dispel myths and stereotypes, but not to convert or influence their personal decisions about religion. They will also work together in teams to create a final presentation.

Each journey includes a snack and the final journey a meal representing the different faith traditions. The cost for all five journeys is \$25 per



Travel Itinerary

January 27 — Christianity, *Bethany Baptist Church, Detroit*

February 24 — Islam, *Mosque, Dearborn*

March 30 — Judaism, *Congregational Beth Shalom, Oak Park*

April 27 — Sikhism, Hinduism and Buddhism, *Sikh Gurdwara, Canton*

May 18 — Summary, *St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, Detroit*

student. Parents are expected to provide transportation to and from the locations, and are welcome to observe the experiences.

In her 2007 annual report on Journey to Adulthood, Erika Morrison, program coordinator, said J2A is one of three distinct sub-groups of the Journey to Adulthood program at Christ Church, serving approximately 20 youth ranging in age from 11 to 18.

The other sub-groups are Rite 13, for kids 11-13 (led by Jeanne Martens and Jon Luke) and GEL, a self-guided program for young adults 16-18. In fall 2006, PBJ (Preparation Before the Journey) was started for kids that had "outgrown" church school, but were not quite ready for Rite 13. This group is now in their second year together, but in their first of two years in Rite 13. Each group of kids stays together throughout the entire program and spends two years in each sub-program. The main topics talked about in different degrees in each of the sub-programs are self, society, spirituality and sexuality.

"These three groups have become an essential and vibrant part of our parish. The strength of the friendships formed has been witnessed by the constant contact previous groups have with each other, beyond the church into their college/adult lives," said Erika.

Hot issues engage parishioners at the 141st Annual Meeting

By Mary Jo Searles

THIS year's annual meeting on Sunday, January 20, seemed to be rolling along as usual until the item of "New Business" was addressed. Two items engaged the parish membership near

the end of the meeting.

The first issue involved a response to the Bishop's two Pastoral Letters and follow-up letter, which were read to the meeting by the Rector and Senior Warden. These are found on the Record

Weekly website (the-record@earthlink.com) and are posted on the bulletin board near the church office. The Bishop recommended to the Diocesan Council that the administrative and educational

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LENT 2008



living the faith in community

Healing the Soul

CHRIST Church and Journey of Faith Church will once again join with St. Paul American Lutheran Church during Lent for a series of Wednesday evening worship services centered on the theme: *Lent: A Time for Healing the Soul*.

Held weekly on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. beginning February 13, each worship service will be preceded by a Lenten soup supper at 6:15 p.m.

Listed below is a schedule of classes:

Feb. 13, 1st Wednesday in Lent
Confession: Healing Our Ignorance and Deception

Feb. 20, 2nd Wednesday in Lent
Scripture: Healing Our Distraction and Arrogance

Feb. 27, 3rd Wednesday in Lent,
Offering: Healing Our Miserliness

March 5, 4th Wednesday in Lent
Communion: Healing Our Isolation and Disconnectedness

March 12, 5th Wednesday in Lent
Sending: Healing Our Apathy and Complacency

St. Paul's is located at 21915 Beech, at Monroe, in Dearborn.



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Wednesday
Services

Noon and 7:30 p.m.

The interfaith dialogue continues



ON Sunday afternoons during Lent, Church Church will present a segment of Trinity Institute's 38th National Theological Conference, *Religion and Violence: Untangling the Roots of Conflict*, which was held on January 22-23, 2008.

A panel of prominent Christian, Jewish and Muslim theologians will explore the deeply rooted, seemingly inexorable union of religion and violence, illuminating the resources within each tradition for living together in peace, without losing unique identities of each faith. Keynote speakers will include: James Carroll, James H. Cone, Susannah Heschel and Tariq Ramadan.

We will gather in the Chapel at 4 p.m. to watch the presentation. At 5 p.m., we will share pot-luck snacks and enter into discussion to promote the discovery of an individual and community call to action. The dates are February 17 and 24, March 2 and 9.

"I believe a significant conversation can occur through these sessions, for people who live with the diversity that we have in our community and southeast Michigan," said The Rev. Danial Appleyard.

Mark your calendar for Movie Night

February 4 at 7 p.m.

THE division of the world's peoples into distinct groups – "red," "black," "white" or "yellow" peoples – has become so deeply imbedded in our psyches, so widely accepted, many would promptly dismiss as crazy any suggestion of its falsity.

Yet, that's exactly what this provocative, three-hour series by California Newsreel claims. *Race: The Power of an Illusion* questions the very idea of race as biology, suggesting that a belief in race is no more sound than believing that the sun revolves around the earth. The parish will watch the first of three episodes at Movie Night on Monday, February 4 at 7 p.m. and discuss the film during the Forum on Sunday, February 10 at 11:30 a.m. **Mark your calendars!** Future movie nights are: March 3, April 7 and May 5.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Tuesday, February 5, 5 - 7 p.m.

Mark the Lenten season with others. Bring your appetite. Enjoy pancakes, breakfast meats and all the fixins' in the Fellowship Hall. Adults: \$5; Seniors \$3; Children 2-10 years, \$3; Children under 2 are free.

Hosted by Chapel Day Preschool

From the Rector

The Rev. Daniel Appleyard

Dear Friends,

FOURTEEN of us gathered in the Lounge at Christ Church for two days of lectures and conversation. The topic was Religion and Violence, and we were students and retired, lay and ordained, Episcopalian and not. We first listened to Dr. James Cone, professor of Systematic Theology at New York's Union Theological Seminary, and then took a break before gathering again for what is called theological reflection. During that break, someone asked me, "Why do theological reflection?" It was a question that I answered briefly, but I have been thinking about it ever since.

"Why do theological reflection?"

My first response to the question was that such times of reflection after each lecture are like using our digestive system. We don't eat all three meals for the day and then begin to digest them. It is possible to do that, I guess, but at best it would be mighty uncomfortable. Instead, like digestion, reflection is a process that is best done incrementally and is always taking place to some degree. Reflection is how we digest the information — intellectual, emotional and spiritual — that we sense and receive. And, curiously, like digestion, it improves and is enjoyed more when done in the company of others. Eating alone creates isolation. Reflecting alone leads to narcissism. By and large, we are communal animals. We eat best, live best and reflect best in the company of others.

As I thought about this more, I realized that this is what Lent is all about. Lent may be a time to give up things. It may be a time to take on things. Lent, as the *Book of Common Prayer* states, may be a holy time of "self-examination and repentance," of prayer, fasting and self denial," and of reading and reflecting on God's holy Word." But, Lent is not to be done in isolation. Lent is meant to be done in the company of others! In fact Lent can be a feast of reflection with each other in community!

This Lent, as you can see on the facing page, you will have several opportunities to be "communal animals" and reflect on your life, your intellect and your spirit. Each Sunday afternoon, we will be gathering at Christ Church to listen to

and reflect on this year's Trinity Institute's lectures on Religion and Violence. But this time the Adult Formation Commission is asking us to bring a friend or, even better, an acquaintance from a different faith tradition. It is a unique opportunity to reflect on these topics in a more diverse setting. The Series begins on February 17 and continues each week through March 9. You can also join our brothers and sisters at St. Paul Lutheran Church for their Wednesday Soup Suppers and Evening Worship, February 13 through March 12, on the topic of Healing.

I am also excited to announce that this Lent I will be engaging in a rare feast for reflection. I was invited by Project Interchange to go to Israel for a nine-day tour and seminar. Project Interchange is a program of the American Jewish Committee, focusing on Israel as a center for the three Abrahamic religions and the integral role of these religions in conflict and modern times. This in-depth educational travel seminar will provide each of the 12 Protestant clergy chosen to participate with an overview of contemporary Israel, and will investigate Israel's position in its strategic environment, history and religion, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We will be given differing points of view on controversial issues, and will have the opportunity to meet with leading Israeli and Palestinian academics and policymakers. We will also tour the country, visiting holy sites; engage in interfaith dialogue; explore Jerusalem from diverse perspectives; and be introduced to Israeli-Arabs, Jews, and Palestinians.

Lent 2008 is offering to you and to me some wonderful opportunities — a rich meal to digest, to reflect upon together. In a number of different settings, we are being offered intellectual, emotional, and spiritual feasts that can enrich our lives as a community and as individuals. To gather as a diverse ecumenical and interreligious people is a unique gift. I know that there will be much to digest with you and my metropolitan interfaith partners following my return from Israel. I hope you create a Lent for yourselves that will be just as challenging and satisfying!

Peace,
Dan

Annual Meeting

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diocesan offices be moved to Plymouth for a more central location for the people of the diocese. The Council approved the move. Our parish annual meeting approved a motion to oppose this move and the manner in which it was approved.

Various parishioners stated that this is sending the wrong message to the city of Detroit and the Episcopal parishes located in the city; that there was an apparent lack of process since this was brought up near the end of the Diocesan Council meeting; and parishioners suggested that a Diocesan-wide committee be formed to analyze and assess the location of the Diocesan Center.

In a second issue, a motion and discussion concerning the need for our Vestry to develop a strategic plan for the parish and to hire outside assistance to accomplish this took place. Following much discussion, the directive to the Vestry to develop a strategic plan passed and the directive to hire outside assistance for this purpose was defeated.

The usual business of the annual meeting was accomplished: Five new Vestry members were elected: Julia Garris, Christine Goss, Todd Kappauf, Erica Morrison and Shirley Wever.

The budget for 2008 was approved. Fr. Appleyard's salary is finally in line with the Diocesan recommendations. \$10,000 is budgeted to provide substitute/part-time clergy to cover the associate clergy position.

Financial and property concerns and questions were also addressed. Reports from committees and commissions were received.

Copies of the Annual Report are available in the Narthex and near the church office.

Make your opinion known
Join us at the next Miter Meeting with Bishop Gibbs as we voice our concerns about moving diocesan offices. February 27 at 7 p.m. at Holy Cross, Novi.

Vestry Reflection

By Stephanie Mulkern

The Gift of Friendship

A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter, he who finds one finds a treasure.

Sirach 6:14

THE week before Christmas, while shopping, I spotted what I thought was an old friend of mine. I peeked around the display where I was standing to be sure. Yep! It was her; my best friend from before kindergarten to fourth grade when our family moved away.

I couldn't believe it. It had been years since I'd seen her, but I would know that face anywhere.

"Brenda?" I called.

She turned and immediately lit up with a smile. "Stephanie?"

In a moment we embraced, giggling with gladness. We began going over some of the more memorable times we'd shared in our youth: jumping on the bed; playing school; our old pal, Jerry, who lived across the street. We exchanged phone numbers and promised to get in touch. It was wonderful!

For New Year's Eve my family spent a few days at my current best friend's cottage in Irish Hills. (We've been friends since the summer that my family moved away the summer of fourth grade.) Both my daughters and their families were with us. We had such a good time. Together we made some lovely meals, immersed ourselves in great conversation, danced a little, made a giant snowman and laughed until it hurt. I left feeling blessed.

Both of these experiences remind me of the great gift found in friendship; those people who choose to be part of our lives, who care for us in all our brokenness; those who hold us up when we can't stand on our own, who laugh with us, cry with us and remind us who we are. Some come into our lives and remain for a long time, others briefly. All are to be cherished.

The hymn "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" comes to mind. Surely his presence is reflected in our friends. I see it each Sunday when I look out into the congregation from where I sit in the choir. I thank God for all of you and for the marvelous gift of friendship.

BRIEFLY

Giving thanks for Clare's ministry

We bid farewell to The Rev. Clare Oatney last month, who left her position as Associate Rector to serve as Rector of St. Luke's in Ferndale, beginning January 22. In addition to a purse of your contributions, the Vestry will purchase a special gift on behalf of the parish to be presented at Clare's Installation/Celebration of New Ministry by the Bishop, which has not yet been scheduled.

Children's education teachers needed

The Children's Education Commission is in desperate need of Sunday School teachers during February and March. Please contact Isabelle Behm at 313.910.1650 as soon as possible for more information.

Helping the homeless at overnight shelter

If you have been anxiously waiting to mark your calendars to help at the homeless shelter held at Christ Church, Detroit, wait no longer! The dates are Wednesday evening, April 2, (dinner and overnight supervision) and Wednesday morning, April 3 (breakfast and pack lunches). Sign-up sheets will be posted during Lent. For more information, contact Edwina Simpson at edwinamsimpson@gmail.com.

Fund-raiser for student delegate

Christ Church member, Elise Kendra, has been accepted as a student delegate for the U.S. People to People Student Ambassador Program. She will be traveling for 20 days with 20 other students from the metro-Detroit area this July, studying the different cultures in France, Austria and Italy. To help raise the funds to sponsor her trip, her mother, Korin Kendra, is planning a night of fun at Christ Church on March 7, from 6-9:00 p.m., including bingo, silent auction and 50-50 raffles. The event is open to the public, so plan to bring the whole family and invite your friends and neighbors. For more information, contact Korin at 313.565.9149 or korin.kendra@sbcglobal.net.

Buy fair trade (Equal Exchange) items at church

As a part of Christ Church's church-wide effort to support fairly traded goods, we are offering items for individual purchase. There will be a selection of coffees, teas, hot cocoa, and chocolate available in the Fellowship Hall early in February. Last year we started serving fair trade coffee during Coffee Hour and we are now trying to extend the effort into people's homes. For more information about Equal Exchange, go to www.equalexchange.com.

Sandwich lunches assembled at Christ Church

Christ Church helped the Dearborn Rotary fulfill their promise to help the Salvation Army create a total of 5,000 lunches for its Bed and Breakfast outreach to the homeless. The church allowed the Dearborn Rotary to use its kitchen for three different dates. On January 12, volunteers made about 1,500 lunches consisting of sandwich with meat and cheese, packaged with a piece of fruit and cookies. The club, and volunteers from Christ Church, plan to create more lunches on March 29 and June 21.

Parish Events

JOIN US

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper *Tuesday, February 5, 5-7PM*

Chapel Day Preschool hosts this annual event. Pancakes, breakfast meats and all the fixins' in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your appetite. Adults: \$5, Seniors: \$3; Children 2-10 years: \$3; Children under 2: free. For more information, please contact Julie Wojtowicz at 313.563.3952 or jwojtowicz@wowway.com.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 6, Noon and 7:30 PM

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes.

Lenten Series at St. Paul's

Wednesday, February 13, 20, 27; March 5 and 12, 6:15 PM

Soup supper and evening worship with our brothers and sisters at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Dearborn. Supper at 6:15 p.m.; worship service on the topic of *Lent: A Time for Healing the Soul* at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Series at Christ Church

Sunday, February 17 and 24; March 2 and 9, 4 - 5:45PM

Religion and Violence: Untangling the Roots of Conflict — A panel of theologians (via webcast from New York) explore how religion becomes entangled with violence and what are the resources within each tradition for living together in peace, without losing unique identities. Discussion groups, beginning at 5 p.m., will promote the discovery of an individual and community call to action. Bring snacks to share during the discussion.

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

Feb. 3 "Low CARBon Diet," led by Margaret Green

Feb. 10 Movie Night Discussion

Feb. 17 Christ in the Secular Media, Part 1 of 3

Feb. 24 Journey to Adulthood, with Erika Morrison

Movie Nights

Monday, February 4, 7PM

Featured Presentation: *Race: The Power of Illusion* This provocative three-hour series questions the very idea of race as biology, suggesting that a belief in race is no more sound than believing that the sun revolves around the earth. Discussion of the movie will be offered at the Adult Forum on February 10.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Prayer Room

Sundays, 10:05AM

Worship activities for children 3-7 years.

Church School

Sundays, 11:30AM

Children aged 4 to 7 and 8 to 11 participate in a variety of creative learning experiences exploring a biblical story or theme in three- to four-week blocks.

February Focus: Spring Musical Preparation (to be performed on March 9); On February 10 and 17 and March 9, the children will learn about Moses.

JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD

Rite 13

For youth ages 12-14. Leader: Jeanne Martens.

J2A

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

GEL

For young people 17 and up.

NEWCOMERS

Tuesday, February 19, 7PM

Join us at Au Bon Pain for 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. Au Bon Pain is located at 22219 Michigan Avenue. There is no need to RSVP, but anyone with questions may call Stephanie Thomas at 313.565.2973.

MEETINGS

St. Martha's Guild Luncheon

Tuesday, February 12, 12:00PM

Love is in the air. Join the Guild as they celebrate St. Valentine's Day. Bring a sandwich; beverages and dessert are provided.

Outreach Committee

Sunday, February 3, 12:30PM

Vestry Retreat

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 1 and 2, 7PM

Adult Formation Mtg.

Tuesday, February 12, 5PM

Property Committee

Wednesday, February 13, 7PM

Library Committee

Wednesday, February 20, 1PM

Finance Committee

Thursday, February 21, 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

Those interested in joining the choir may attend weekly rehearsals.

Open Choir

Sunday, February 3, 9AM

This choir gives you the opportunity to participate in singing with the choir throughout the year, without having to attend practices weekly. Meet in the Choir Room at 9 a.m. and sing at the 10 a.m. service.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 1:00-2:30 Take-A-Break 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:00 Vestry Retreat	2 9:00-3:00 Vestry Retreat 12:00-1:30 AA 4:30 Journey of Faith
3 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Open Choir 10:05 Prayer Room 11:15 Coffee 11:30 Education 12:30 Outreach 2:00&3:30 Martial Arts	4 7:00 Movie Night 7:00 Scout Leaders 8:00 AA	5 Shrove Tuesday 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE & Healing 5:00 Pancake Supper 7:00 Boy Scouts	6 Ash Wednesday 12:00 HE, ashes 6&7:00 Martial Arts 7:00 Cycling Club 7:30 AA 7:30 Choir 7:30 HE, ashes	7 11:30 AA	8 1:00-2:30 Take-A-Break	9 9:00 LWV 10:00 Coven V 12:00-1:30 AA 2:00-4:00 Joff Vestry
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17 8:00 & 10:00 HE 10:05 Prayer Room 11:15 Coffee 11:30 Education 2:00 WADDS Concert 4:00 Religion & Violence Dialogue	18 President's Day Church Office Closed 8:00 AA	19 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 New member coffee: Au Bon Pain	20 1:00 Library Meet 5:30 Sandcastles 6:00 Martial Arts 6:15 St Paul Lenten 7:00 Martial Arts 7:30 AA 7:30 Choir	21 11:30 AA 7:00 Finance	22 1:00-2:30 Take-A-Break 6:00 Blue & Gold Banquet	23 12:00-1:30 AA
24 8:00 & 10:00 HE 10:05 Prayer Room 11:15 Coffee 11:30 Education 2:00 Martial Arts 3:30 Martial Arts 4:00 Religion & Violence Dialogue	25 8:00 AA	26 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Morning Prayers 7:00 Boy Scouts	27 5:00 Sandcastles 6:00 Martial Arts 6:15 St Paul Lenten 7:00 Martial Arts 7:30 AA 7:30 Choir	28 11:30 AA	29 1:00-2:30 Take-A-Break	

Looking Ahead to Holy Week

March 16 - Palm Sunday — Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 a.m. March 19 - Wednesday in Lent — Tenebrae at 7:30 p.m.

March 20 - Maundy Thursday — Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar at 7:30 p.m.; Prayer Vigil begins at 9 p.m. March 21 - Good Friday — Prayer Vigil ends at Noon; Service at 7:30 p.m. March 22 - Easter Vigil — Holy Eucharist at 7:30 p.m. March 23 - Easter — Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 a.m.

Service Schedule

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3

Acolytes A. Bhém, C. Bell, M. Swiecicki, A. Green
Greeters/Ushers (8am) T. Foster
 (10am) Team 2 – J. Connelly, J. Connelly,
 D. Leduc, M. Shelton
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) E. Simpson
 (10am) B. Simpson, M. Amis, E. Simpson
Altar Guild L. Pedler, G. Morrison, E. Brehob, C. Kappauf
LEVs TBD
VPOD T. Johnson

Sunday Readings: The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
 Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lector/L.E.M. N. Lehnert, D. Brehob, R. Groover
Readings:
 Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 103:8-14
 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10

Acolytes J. Vandevent, T. Morrison, E. Sallman
 J. Swiecicki
Ushers/Greeters (8am) J. Pedler
 (10am) Team 3 – T. Hines, L. Hines, M. Piernick,
 T. Ludwig
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) A. Johnson
 (10am) K. Green, A. Johnson, Sallman
 J. Piernick, C. Goss, E. Boyar
Altar Guild
LEVs TBD

VPOD

C. Serfass, Julia Garris

Sunday Readings: The First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19;
 Matthew 4:1-11

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17

Acolytes M. Brehob, W. McCardell, E. Brehob, A. Behm
Ushers/Greeters (8am) K. Goss
 (10am) Team 4 – P. Owens, B. Owens,
 M. J. Searles, R. Kedzo
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) R. Groover
 (10am) Youth reader, E. Simpson, D. Brehob

Altar Guild

K. Green, R. Green, M. J. Crane

LEVs

TBD

VPOD

L Nolan, C Goss

Sunday Readings: The Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5,13-17; John 3:1-17

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24

Acolytes A. Piernick, T. Morrison, R. Green, A. Green
Ushers/Greeters (8am) L. Crane
 (10am) Team 5 – I. Behm, B. Ryan, P. Snyder, J. Garris
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) B. Hall
 (10am) D. Petts, M. Amis, D. Cardwell
Altar Guild K. Hipp, D. Hipp, J. Reiner
LEVs TBD
VPOD S Mulkern, S Wever
Sunday Readings: The Third Sunday in Lent
 Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

In the Spotlight

ADULT FORMATION

THE Christian Adult Formation Commission is responsible for developing and presenting programs and events that enhance and expand what we, in the Christ Church community, know about our spiritual lives, our Church, our missions, ourselves and the other members of our community. You may know of our work best through the Forums that follow most 10 a.m. services on Sunday. But, that's not all we do, nor is it all we want to do.

Last year, we invited you to tell us what you wanted to hear and talk about in our various programs. You did that. We've had Forums on the Millennium Development Goals (that's what "MDGs" stand for); the challenges that "mainline" churches, such as the Episcopal Church, face today; and even one with the Simpsons and Christmas. As a Commission, we also introduced some new programs and formats.

For example, we introduced, "Movie Night," a Monday evening where we watch a video program that is longer than can be accommodated in the regular Forum time. We then discuss the film at the following Sunday's Forum. Last year's movies included, "JesusCamp," a documentary

about a fundamentalist Christian youth camp, and "An Inconvenient Truth," Al Gore's co-Nobel Peace Prize and Academy Award winning film on global warming. This year we've made Movie Night a regular part of the schedule on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m.; so put it on your calendar. Our first movie on February 4 will be a few episodes from the PBS series "Race – The Power of an Illusion."

We also sponsor programs that facilitate our own spiritual journeys and exploration. In conjunction with other congregations, such as Journey of Faith and St. Paul Lutheran Church, we've watched and discussed the "Living the Questions" series, which address the issues we, as Protestant Christians, face in today's world. The discussion and fellowship of these sessions is extremely rewarding. During Lent this year, we'll be watching and discussing the Trinity Institute's "Religion and Violence", which explores the role the major monotheistic faiths play in the violence that engulfs too much of our world. We expect to include our brothers and sisters from other Christian churches, as well as our Jewish and Muslim friends and neighbors.

Come check us out some time. There really is something for everyone. We'd love to see you.

The members of the Adult Formation Commission are: Paul Vandeventer, Nancy Lehnert, Margaret Green and Nick Bell.

WADOS Music Medley Concert: Organ Rhapsody

February 17, 2 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church

Featuring Sean Jackman, Carolyn Haurly and others

The recital of organ music will include American choral preludes, French Art Songs for voice and piano and French Romantic organ repertoire. An afterglow follows the concert. This concert series is one of many fundraising projects sponsored by the Women's Association of the Dearborn Orchestral Society (WADOS). Tickets at \$15 each may be purchased by calling Pat Daoust at 313.565.2296.

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The Year of Abundance:
Cultivating a Community of Gratitude

Music Notes

By Sean Jackman
Director of Music

MLK Service

Thanks to those members of the choir and congregation of Christ Church who attended Dearborn's first Martin Luther King Service on Sunday, January 20 at the First United Methodist Church (FUMC) of Dearborn. It was a powerful service which brought together members of the Christian and Muslim communities. The evening included insightful speakers, a joint choir anthem, a video selection and a time of fellowship following the service. We look forward to the MLK service as an annual event in our town. Congratulations to our own rector, Daniel Appleyard, and the Music Director at FUMC, Marcus LaPratt, for making this event a reality.

Children's Music

Tess and I have begun to work with the children of the congregation on a dramatic presentation which will be presented at the 10 a.m. service on March 9. This program, which will involve drama, acting, narrations and simple costumes, is centered on the Millennium Development Goals. All children are welcome to join us as we prepare this program during Church School on Sunday mornings.

"The eight Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) – which range from halving extreme poverty to halting the spread of HIV/AIDS and providing universal primary education, all by the target date of 2015 – form a blueprint agreed to by all the world's countries and all the world's leading development institutions. They have galvanized unprecedented efforts to meet the needs of the world's poorest." From www.un.org/millenniumgoals

Open Choir

Please consider being involved in our choir. Rehearsal begins at 9 am in the choir on the day of the service. Next dates for Open Choir are February 3 and March 2.

Opportunities to make the world a better place

Build your vocabulary, feed the hungry

As part of the United Nations World Food Program (WFP), the world's largest food aid agency, and the Millennium Development Goals, a great and fun website has been created called "Free Rice." A sister site of the world poverty site (poverty.com), it's a vocabulary game, and for every answer you get right, 20 grains of rice are donated for the WFP. One thousand grains is enough to provide a child with a cup of rice. (Although not a complete meal, the WFP has other ways to donate nutritional items.) Since beginning in October 2007, 15,184,595,870 grains of rice have been donated. The rice is paid for by the advertisers whose names are noted on the bottom of the vocabulary screen. Through their advertising at FreeRice, these companies support both learning (free vocabulary for everyone) and reducing hunger (free rice for the hungry). Check it out, but be warned, it is addictive: www.freerice.com.

Speaker series bridges the divide

The second of the five-part speaker series, *Weaving Our Community*, presented by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), will be offered on Tuesday, February 12 at 7 p.m. Entitled "Dispelling Myths and Stereotypes of Muslim and Arab Communities," the program speaker will be Amir Hussain, Associate Professor in the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University, and author of *Oil and Water, Two Faiths: One God*. The program costs \$10 and will be held at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. To RSVP or for more information, call the ADL at 248.353.7553.

Interfaith Partners 24-Hour retreat

The Michigan Roundtable Interfaith Partners invite you to a 24-hour retreat designed to help participants learn more about one another in a beautiful and quiet setting. You'll explore what it takes to create interfaith friendships that will stand the test of time and you'll be inspired to practice interfaith manners, while learning which "code words" to avoid. The retreat will be held Sunday, February 17, 2 p.m. through Monday, February 18, 2 p.m. at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center located at 23333 Schoolcraft Road in Detroit. The \$55 per person registration fee includes the program, including a media arts presentation on Sunday evening, and all kosher, halah and vegetarian meals. You may spend the night at the Retreat Center or participate only during the day time. To register, please contact The Rev. Sharon Buttry at sharon_buttry@yahoo.com or 313.365.2287. The retreat is limited to 40 people and registration is due by February 4.

Stewardship Moments

What Then?

William Butler Yeats

His chosen comrades thought
at school
He must grow a famous man;
He thought the same
and lived by rule,
All his twenties crammed with toil;
"What then?" sang Plato's
ghost, "What then?"
Everything he wrote was read,
After certain years he won
Sufficient money for his need,
Friends that have been friends
indeed;
"What then?" sang Plato's ghost,
"What then?"
All his happier dreams came true –
A small house, wife, daughter, son.
Grounds where plum and cabbage
grew,
Poets and Wits about him drew;
"What then?" sang Plato's ghost,
"What then?"
"The work is done," grown old
he thought,
According to my boyish plan;
Let the fools rage,
I swerved in naught,
Something to perfection brought;
But louder sang the ghost,
"What then?"

MDG Millennium Development GOALS

The United Nations Millennium Development Goals are a set of eight targets for eradicating global poverty adopted by the 191-member states of the United Nations, including the United States, out of the conviction that humanity can build a better and safe world if it is willing to unite. Following are the first five.

#1 Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger – Reduce by half the proportion of people living on less than a dollar a day and the proportion of people who suffer from hunger.

#2 Achieve universal primary education – Ensuring that all boys and girls complete a full course of primary education.

#3 Promote gender equality and empower women – Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education preferably by 2005, and at all levels by 2015.

#4 Reduce child mortality – Reduce by two thirds the mortality rate among children under five.

#5 Improve maternal health – Reduce by three quarters the maternal mortality ratio.

Next month: Goals 6, 7 and 8.

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thanks, christ church

The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) graciously accepted the church's donation of \$2,000 to benefit their strategic planning program. "Your gift means you'll be an even greater part of our ministry efforts over the next three to five years. It helps to define our future ministry efforts," said Thomas Gossen, TENS Executive Director.

Herb Gunn, Editor of *The Record*, sent his thanks for Christ Church's gift of \$350 in support of its ministry of communication. He said, "Quite honestly, the newspaper would not have survived the past two years without the unmistakable show of support we have received from readers like you."

"We give thanks to God that you share in our commitment to 'do unto the least of these my brethren' as our Lord commanded us." said John Fitzgerald, Deacon, at **St. Philip and St. Stephen Episcopal Church in Detroit**. His words were in response to all the Christmas gifts Christ Church supplied for distribution to their Sunday School and neighborhood children. "We do appreciate your kindness and willingness to share in our ministry to the community," John said.

Think about it

How important is a will? How does it bless your family? Your church?

To get help with writing your will, please speak to Edwina Simpson and/or your attorney.

FINANCIAL CORNER

Income & Expenses as of December 31, 2007

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income (Pledges & Offerings)	\$396,453	\$398,713
Other	\$36,549	\$31,000
Total Operating Income	\$433,002	\$429,713
Less Operating Expenses	\$426,562	\$442,043
Surplus / Deficit	\$6,440	\$(12,330)
2006 Carry-over Cash	\$13,991	\$13,991

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PRESIDENTS DAY

The Church Office
will be closed
on Monday,
February 18
to observe
President's Day.

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

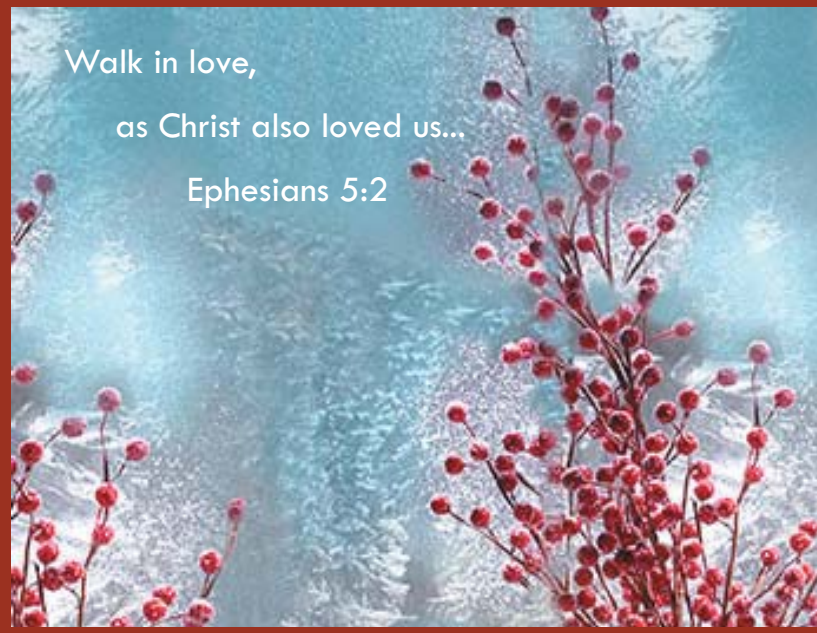
2/11 Eleanore Lucante
2/12 Nicholas Bell
2/14 Carol Nini, Marie Schmidt
2/15 Keith Copper, Gloria Green,
Janet Prince
2/16 Joe Youngheim
2/19 Richard Audi, Claudine Bauer,
Kenneth Koch
2/20 Noah Flaig, Blake Games,
Brooke Porter, Rodney Linton,
Stephanie Mulkern,
Nicholas Pellegrino

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

DEATHS

Rodney Linton, 1/8/08

May you find yourself walking in the love of Jesus Christ during the season of Lent.



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