

Church bells toll as call to prayer and worship

Early last month, the electronics that control the ringing of our church bells was replaced and the bells are tolling once again.

The new digital system allows us to preset the day, time and sequence that the bells ring. In addition, a remote control permits activation of the bells from any location within 1,000 feet of the bell tower. The timer will even automatically change from standard to daylight savings time.

With support of the Property Committee, Memorial Funds were used to fund the new system.

Have you ever wondered why the bells ring when they do? The practice of ringing the bells at 9am, noon, 3pm, 6pm and 9pm (as well as 6am and midnight), has its roots in ancient Judaism's tradition of "fixed-hour prayer," one of the

oldest forms of Christian spiritual discipline. When the psalmist says, "Seven times a day do I praise You," he is referring to fixed-hour prayer.

Later these prayer hours were even integrated into the flow of Roman commercial life. Bells rang at six in the morning (first hour) to begin the work day, at nine (third hour) for the mid-morning break, at 12 (sixth hour) to announce the noon meal and siesta, at three (ninth hour) as a call to return to work, and at six (vespers) signifying the close of business. With the addition of early morning prayers as one woke up and in the evening before sleep, these "calls to prayer" were established in a form that is very close to what Christians – and other faiths – use today.

Over the millennia, Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Anglican Christian monastics and clergy have prayed "the divine offices" or

"the liturgy of the hours." But with the first Book of Common Prayer (and ours today), these fixed-hour prayers are available to all of us, as times for reflection, thanksgiving and the deepening of our faith.

That is why at Christ Church, our bells also toll at 9am, noon, 3pm, 6pm and 9pm. (We have spared our neighbors the 6am and midnight tolling!) And, in addition to these daily spiritual "reminders," the bells also ring on Sunday morning at 15 minutes and 5 minutes before the eight o'clock and ten o'clock services, as well as at the hour, to call the Christians of our community to gather together for corporate worship.



Fellowship with Lutherans proves positive

Many Christ Church parishioners took advantage of the opportunity to fellowship with members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church during Lent this year. Our congregation was welcomed to St. Paul's Wednesday Soup Suppers, while members of St. Paul's took part in the discussion of Marcus Borg's book, *The Heart of Christianity*, on Sunday afternoons.

Don and Rhonda Cardwell attended the Soup Suppers.

"The evening service was

lovely: learning a new liturgy and being able to sing it together was great. ...And, the sense of being 'family' as we were welcomed by St. Paul's was moving," Don said.

Kevin Green participated in several sessions of both venues and was pleasantly surprised at how well everything went and how enjoyable the experience was for so many people.

"There was good mixing at both events, perhaps more so at the book discussion and meal. I think that the interaction will increase as

we have more activities together.

I particularly liked the joint worship, where we could all participate together," said Kevin. "The book discussions were very thought-provoking, interesting and well-led by Clare and Elyse. I also think that the participation of the St. Paul's members added to the breadth and depth of the discussion."



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FROM THE ASSISTANT RECTOR

What resurrection really looks like

It began as I was looking out over the congregation recently, and was overwhelmed by one of the marvelous lessons that only community can bring. There, in front of me, living proof of the way that resurrection sidles up next to brokenness and dares you to choose hope rather than despair. If you look, you can see it all: over here, the families estranged, torn apart by grief, anger and blame ... but over there, those who have carefully, painfully constructed a real peace, a new way of living together. And at the rail, the shadows of the dead rub shoulders with those who have been given a second chance, radiant with the joy of simply being here. Life and death, brokenness and healing, mingled together. Offering us a choice: to see and rejoice in the life and healing, or to despair at the brokenness.

Resurrection doesn't always seem big enough. The new life breaking in doesn't seem quite up to the task. Given our druthers, we'd prefer a nice big *deus ex machina*: something magical that makes everything right. But as I pointed out in a recent sermon, even Jesus' resurrection doesn't do that. It just invites us to see, to look for the new life arising all around us (in the very midst of all the pain and destruction) and hold onto hope, to choose joy and thereby to bring about new life of our own. It is an unfolding resurrection, a continuing resurrection, and it is a choice.

I don't know about you, but I'm not too sure of my own ability to bring about resurrection. I can be compassionate some of the time, but when I get really tired, and stressed, and I've been whined to the edge of my sanity, well... Ditto on the question of patience, generosity, forgiveness, or any of the other things that make up a good Kingdom package: I can do it some of the time, but I just can't keep it up all the time. Surely that isn't quite enough.

David Roche, hilarious and inspired pastor of the Church of 80% Sincerity, disagrees. "Heck," he says, "if you can be compassionate, or sincere, or any of those good things, 80% of the time, you're doing really well!" In fact,

"As he explains it, in the Church of 80% Sincerity, everyone has come to understand that unconditional love is a reality, but with a shelf life of about eight to ten seconds. Instead of beating yourself up because you feel it only fleetingly, you should savor those moments when it appears. As David puts it, we might say to our beloved, 'Honey, I've been having these feelings of unconditional love for you for the last eight to ten seconds.' Or 'Darling, I'll love you till the very end of dinner.'" (Anne Lamott, *Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith*, New York: Riverhead Books, 2005, p. 110)

Look around. Savor the moments. I guarantee it will inspire you to create more of them: for yourself, and for others. That's resurrection; that's new life breaking in. Believe it.

He is risen (and so are we!)

Clare

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Has the season of spring progressed just enough that the renewal and change metaphor has passed us? Perhaps one more new beginning can be embraced before we rush into warm thoughts of summer.

Three years ago, the Vestry and Stewardship Commission made the decision to change the commitment year to July through June. The major reasons for the change were to allow for better planning of the Church's finances for the upcoming year and to move the pledge campaign to a less-busy time of year. While the planning aspect has been helpful, we have found that people are just as busy in the spring as they are in the fall. We have also received consistent feedback from parishioners that the shift in the pledge year has been confusing. Consequently, after much consideration, the Vestry has decided to return to a commitment year that aligns with the calendar year.

This year's annual commitment campaign will occur in the fall, with the new pledges taking effect January 1, 2007. This leaves a time gap from the end of June (when the current pledges expire) to January 2007 (when the new calendar-year pledges will begin). This gap provides an opportunity. Will you continue your pledge as it stands? Or could you increase your offerings in July and begin an early transition to your 2007 pledge? Could you use this in-between time as a trial period for that leap-of-faith giving you've been considering? Could you envision these six months as a call to re-new and re-imagine your giving relationship with Christ Church?

Celebration Breakfast - May 21

On Sunday, May 21, we will join together in a combined 9:30am service followed by brunch at 10:45am to celebrate our lives together at Christ Church. We will have time for fellowship, sharing and offering thanks for all this community means to us. Please save the date on your calendar and begin gathering the good stories you're eager to tell.

Vestry Reflection

By Martha Amis

Let's dream for a bit. What if annual contributions balanced our budget? What if we had an adequate number of clergy that were well-paid and our building was well-maintained with no pressing needs? What if all our programs were active and growing? And then in this scenario, what if Christ Church was left a gift of \$100,000? Can you envision one or more things you would like to see done with the money? This question has been at the core of some of our vestry discussions this past year and inspired us to think less about 'need' and more about 'abundance' and its implications.

In our April vestry meeting, the major portion of our time and energy was devoted to discussing the general topic of Planned Giving. One of the hallmarks of current times is that many people are choosing to leave charitable bequests when they die. This reality is amplified by the fact that we are in an era in which the large baby-boomer population is aging and facing end-of-life decisions. We, the vestry, have been encouraged to consider how we can invite our parishioners to see Christ Church as recipient of a bequest and to ponder how we would use such charitable gifts to support our mission.

Our discussions have been around reviewing our present policy regarding disposition of designated and undesignated gifts, and if and how the policy should be updated to reflect current times. Our current policy dates back to 1993 and is rather bare-bones. (It was drafted when we rarely received bequests and, when we

did receive them, they were fairly small.) Designated gifts (gifts given for a specific purpose) are subject to vestry acceptance and the donor is encouraged to be specific about the intended use, investment and distribution of the gift. Undesignated gifts, or those made in which a specific purpose is not defined, have been distributed so that 50% stays in Christ Church and 50% goes to outreach programs.

The vestry is working to remedy what we see as inadequacies in our current policy:

- We have no policy on how much of the operating budget should come from our invested funds.
- No specific group oversees the investments from bequests.
- We haven't a formal procedure for evaluating and accepting a proposed gift.
- There is no minimum investment amount required to establish a designated fund.
- We need guidelines for determining and monitoring investment vehicles as well as guidelines for requesting disbursements.
- We believe we need a different formula for allocating percentages of a gift.

We expect to have our new policies in place within the next three months and will communicate them to the parish in a variety of ways. Our goal is to have all parishioners feel secure that their gifts to Christ Church will be managed responsibly and used to further our mission.

BRIEFLY

About General Convention 2006

On Saturday, May 6, members of the 2006 Deputation to General Convention will be at Church of the Holy Spirit from 9am to noon to discuss highlights of important reports and legislation to be presented at the Convention in Columbus, Ohio, June 13-21. This is a special opportunity to get an inside look at how decisions impacting all Episcopalians are made in the church. Break-out groups will be offered to talk with the deputies in small settings. The church is located at 9083 Newburgh Road in Livonia, 1½ miles south of I-96. RSVP to Pamela Whitsett at 313.833.4421.

Rouge River Clean-up

Thomas Trimble is heading up a team of Christ Church volunteers to work together on cleaning up the Rouge River on Saturday, June 3. Ten to 15 people are needed to pick up trash along the river near Cherry Hill, just east of Brady. The group will also create either a rain or butterfly garden at the church that day. To be a part of the team or for more details, contact Thomas at 313.581.6268 or mars@americanmars.com.

20th Annual Interfaith Symposium & Interfaith National Day of Prayer

The Interfaith Partners of the NCCJ will host the 20th Annual Interfaith Symposium on Thursday, May 4, from 8am to noon at Wayne State University's McGregor Memorial Conference Center and Community Arts Auditorium. "When Strangers Become Neighbors: The Emerging Religious Landscape of Metropolitan Detroit and its implications for workplace, civic arena, educators, media and faith" will include presentations by Dr. Kurt Metzger, Dr. Claude Jacobs and Dr. Ralph Williams and breakout sessions to address challenges, strategies and best practices. The Symposium will be followed by the 6th Annual Interfaith National Day of Prayer sponsored by the Metropolitan Christian Council. This event will take place at Gullen Mall at Wayne State. For more information, call 313.567.6225, x109.

Walk as One for NCCJ

Christ Church will team up for this year's Walk as One walkathon to benefit the NCCJ on Saturday, May 20, starting at Detroit's riverfront. The money raised will help transform communities through the empowerment of young people equipped with the tools needed to nurture and sustain a respectful and peaceful world. Registration is at 9am; the walk begins at 10am. Contact Jeanne Martens at 313.565.4827 for more information.

JOIN US

Combined Service & Celebration Breakfast

Sunday, May 21, 9:30 & 10:45AM
"Celebrating the Time and Talents of our Parish" Join us for a combined 9:30am service followed by brunch to celebrate our lives together at Christ Church. A time for fellowship, sharing and offering thanks for all our community means to us. A hot entree will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass and a memento of something for which you are thankful.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Breakfast Bunch

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

St. Mary's of Bethany Prayer Group

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

The Adult Forums

Sundays, 11:30AM-12:15PM
May 7 Eastern Michigan Diocese Election Recap
May 14 Feminist Theology (Rev. Elizabeth Downie)
May 21 No Forum - Celebration Breakfast
May 28 No Forum

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Prayer Room

Sundays, 10:05AM
 Worship activities for children 3-7 years.

Church School

Sundays, 11:30AM
 Bible stories, singing and crafts for children preschool-age to 9.

Journey to Adulthood

Sundays, 11:30AM-12:15PM
 Coordinators: Jerry Behm & Monica McLeod.

Rite 13

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

J2A

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

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Trinity Soup Kitchen

Saturday, May 6, 8:30AM-3PM
 Join others at Trinity Soup Kitchen where we'll prepare and serve lunch to Detroit's less fortunate. Meet in Christ Church's parking lot at 8:30am to carpool or meet at Trinity at 9:00am to prepare and serve lunch at 11:30am.

MEETINGS

St. Martha's Guild

Tuesday, May 9, Noon
 Join the Guild for *Reading and Reflections on Mothers*. Invite your daughter or friend to join you. Bring a sandwich; we'll provide beverages and dessert. Program coordinators: Jo Reiner & June Anderson. Hostess: Olga Kozlowski.

Not Necessarily Religious

Book Discussion Group
Wednesday, May 24, 7:30PM
 This month the group is discussing *The Romance Reader* by Pearl Abraham, the story of a young girl raised in an ultra-orthodox Hasidic home in New York and her discovery of the outside world through her secret reading of romance novels. Group Contact: Kevin Green, 313.792.9839.

LOOKING AHEAD

Baptism

Preparation Class: June 3, 10AM-12PM; Baptism: June 4, 10AM
 Baptism on Pentecost Sunday. Preparation class is required for parents and godparents of children being presented for Baptism the next day. Call the church office if you're interested.

Church Picnic

June 11, 11:15PM
 Make plans to enjoy our End-of-the-School-Year Picnic after the 10 o'clock service. There's always good food and fun for everyone.

St. Martha's Annual Luncheon

June 13, Noon
 Reserve your tickets for the annual luncheon of St. Martha's Guild. Great opportunity for fellowship. \$6 per person. For reservations, call Luceil Pedler at 313.563.1843 by June 5.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Children's Choir

Sundays, 9AM
 Choir for elementary school-aged children led by Tess Dowgiallo. Includes chimes. Meets in Rm 213.

Handbell Choir

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30PM

Adult Choir

Thursdays, 7:30-9PM
 (Childcare available)

Music Theater Day Camp

June 19-23, 10AM to 2PM
 Week-long camp for children and youth that will culminate in the presentation of *Once Upon a Parable* by Allen Pote and Tom Long, a musical based on the parables of Jesus. Participants will receive coaching in drama and singing; some will also dance or play instruments or may help with set design and construction, props, costuming, lighting and sound reinforcement. Offered by St. Paul's Lutheran Church; \$45 per person. Registration forms available in our church office.

Summer Arts Camp

June 26-30, 9AM-5PM
 An all-day experience in the arts for children kindergarten through eighth grade. Children and youth will be involved in supervised arts experiences including singing, chime playing, dance, visual art and, this year, drama. A field trip is planned for the last day of camp. Students who play an instrument are invited to play during camp. Lunches, drinks and snacks will be provided throughout the



day. There will be a special evening of sharing at Christ Church on Thursday, June 29, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm, to highlight the activities and products of the camp. Cost for the week is \$60. The cost for children opting out of the field trip is \$50. Financial need scholarships are available. To enroll, pick up a brochure in the church office and return enrollment form no later than June 1. For more details, contact Sean Jackman at seanjackman@hotmail.com or 313.562.0136.

MAY 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00 Scout Leaders 8:00 AA	2 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE & Healing 5:30 Planned Giving Committee Mtg. 7:00 Boy Scouts	3 6:30 Martial Arts 7:00 Handbell Choir 7:30 AA	4 11:30 AA 6:00 Rehearsal 7:30 Choir/ Chapel Day Advisory Group	5 1:00-2:30 Take-A-Break 3:30-9:00 Brownie Troop 2705	6 8:30-3:00 Trinity Soup Kitchen 12:00-1:30 AA 4:00 Wedding Blessing – Loreto 4:30 Journey of Faith
7 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Children’s Choir 10:05 Prayer Room 11:30 Church School, Rite 13, J2A, Forum 1:00 Vestry 3:30 Martial Arts 4:30 Martial Arts	8 8:00 AA	9 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE 12:00 St. Martha’s 6:30 Energy Healing 7:00 Boy Scouts	10 4:30 Interfaith Thanks 6:30 Martial Arts 7:00 Handbell Choir 7:00 Property Meet 7:30 AA	11 10:30 Preschool Breakfast in Bed 11:30 AA 5:15 Audit Review 7:30 Choir	12 11:00 Preschool Breakfast in Bed 1:00-2:30 Take-A-Break	13 9:00 Exploring Spiritual Journey 12:00-1:30 AA 4:30 Journey of Faith
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WEEK OF MAY 7

Acolytes TBD
 Ushers (8am) D. Baker Sr
(10am) Team 1 – Baker, Garris
 Greeters B. Markowski
 Lector/L.E.M. (8am) D. Cardwell
(10am) N. Lehnert, M.A. Zawada, M. Amis
 Altar Guild G. Morrison, S. McCullen, J. Reiner
 LEVs P. Poceta, B. Hall
 VPOD R. Groover
 Sunday Readings: The Fourth Sunday of Easter
 Ezekial 34:1-10; Psalm 23;
 1 John 3:1-8; John 10:11-16

WEEK OF MAY 14

Acolytes TBD
 Ushers (8am) L. Crane
(10am) Team 2 – Ludwig, Sallman, D. Leduc
 Greeters B. & P. Owens
 Lector/L.E.M. (8am) R. Groover
(10am) M. Piernick, B. Hall, R. Groover
 LEVs C. Goss, M. Shelton
 Altar Guild C. Goss, B. Caldwell, I. Behm
 VPOD J. Connelly
 Sunday Readings: The Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 66:1-11;
 1 John 3:18-24; John 14:15-21

WEEK OF MAY 21

Acolytes TBD
 Ushers (9:30am) Team 3 – M. Piernick, Prokopp,
Kedzo
 Greeters T. Trimble
 Lector/L.E.M. (9:30am) M. McLeod, R. Groover,
D. Brehob
 LEVs M. Pellegrino, A. Angel
 Altar Guild K. Green, I. Behm, L. Conklin, J. Shaw
 VPOD K. Green
 Sunday Readings: The Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 11:19-30; Psalm 33:1-8,18-22;
 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:9-17

WEEK OF MAY 28

Acolytes TBD
 Ushers (8am) G. Ebling
(10am) Team 4 – J. Groover, D. Piernick,
L. Leduc, D. Young
 Greeters V. Whalen
 Lector/L.E.M. (8am) M. McLeod
(10am) M. Piernick, A. Johnson, M. Sallman
 Altar Guild K. Hipp, D. Hipp, J. Piernick
 LEVs M.J. Searles, J. Anderson
 VPOD C. Surfass
 Sunday Readings: The Seventh Sunday of Easter
 Acts 1:15-26; Psalm 68:1-20;
 1 John 5:9-15; John 17:11b-19

SERVICE SCHEDULE

CONGREGATION 2 CONGREGATION

Journey of Faith Church

By Mark Jenkins

A U2Charist??? What's a U2Charist? Not long ago, an article circulated on the internet about something called a U2Charist (pronounced eu-two-cha-rist, as in eucharist with a "2" in it). It was talking about something that a number of Episcopal churches from Maine to Georgia to California have been trying: an informal Eucharist in which all the music is drawn from the music of the Irish Rock Group U2.

Even if you're not familiar with U2, you've probably heard of Bono, their lead singer and principal lyricist. Bono has been incredibly active in social justice issues and his activities have taken him from the Vatican to the White House. Most recently, he spoke at the National Prayer Breakfast, with George Bush and many congressional leaders present, reminding both the Church and the government of God's priority for the poor.

"It's not a coincidence that in the Scriptures, poverty is mentioned more than 2,100 times. It's not an accident," he said.

So, I decided to check into this U2Charist thing. And, amazingly, that same day, Dan Appleyard had seen the same story and forwarded it to me and Clare by email. While I was busy surfing the net, downloading church bulletins from the congregation that seems to have started this phenomenon, Dan was forwarding me the email and asking me if it seemed like something we might want to try together: a joint project of Christ Church and Journey of Faith. Talk about coincidences... or is that what we call the action of the Spirit?

So, a small group of us began talking about it after the Vigil and planning is underway! I'll admit, I don't really know all the good U2 songs that are out there, but I suspect that a number of people around our two communities do. If you have a U2 song that speaks to your spiritual life, pass it on to Dan or to me. My email is Mark@JoFChurch.org. No date is set yet, and we obviously will want input from more than just a couple of folks. But start thinking about it now and let us hear your ideas! (And, by the way, have a Blessed Eastertide!)

Music Notes

By Sean Jackman



Thank you to everyone in the music program for their extra efforts during the Easter weekend. I appreciate the commitment to music that is made at Christ Church and am thankful for the music that we are able to make for worship here.

Regular rehearsals and participation in services for music groups will end this year with the Church Picnic on June 11. Think about being involved in a musical way over the summer. If you would like to offer a solo or be involved in a small group (that will probably only practice once), contact me or sign up on the sheet that will be posted in the choir room. Jung or I will be available to accompany as needed.

The second annual Summer Arts Camp will be held at Christ Church June 26 through 30. There is a flyer available in the church office if you would like to publicize it where you live or work. The deadline for registration is June 1. Please see Parish Events on page 4 for more details on this camp, as well as details about the Music Theatre Day Camp hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church, June 19 through 23.

Please keep your comments and ideas coming. They are encouraging and help us in planning the music that you will hear in the future.

Yours in Music Ministry,
Sean Jackman and Tess Dowgiallo

Good fellowship with St. Paul's

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Stephanie Mulkern said the hospitality shared between the congregations made for a friendly and comfortable setting to share thoughts related to the book.

"What I enjoyed the most about the group was hearing reactions to the reading from different people. There were some conversations that really sparked further thought for me and raised questions. I always feel inspired when my horizons are expanded somewhat," Stephanie said. "I think the thing that I walked away with is the reminder that we are all very diverse and that our reactions to biblical reading and theology in general is also diverse."

Daniel and Clare were encouraged by the positive interaction between the congregations and said they look forward to more opportunities to bring Christ Church and St. Paul's together again in the future.

Nothing we do can change the Past.
EVERYTHING we do
changes the Future.

Joan Chittister

ETCETERA

Plant a Garden at Christ Church

Now's the time to reserve your 10' x 10' plot of tilled church land for your vegetable gardening pleasure this summer. There may also be a few 20' x 10' planting areas. The plots, which will be ready for planting this month, cost \$10 to help with water and tilling expenses. If you're interested in a plot or in helping to till the soil, contact Margaret Green at 313.792.9839 or mlanegreen@aol.com.



The tulips and daffodils are just coming up in the Memorial Garden. Stop by for a moment of quiet reflection or just to enjoy the flowers.

Cruise for Trinity Soup Kitchen

Have you purchased your tickets yet for the sixth annual Gordon Bugby Boat Cruise fund raiser for Trinity Soup Kitchen on Saturday, May 20, from 6-8pm? The cruise is on the Diamond Belle and will set sail from Bishop Park Public Tour Dock in Wyandotte. Enjoy a buffet dinner, music by a Christian band and door prizes. Tickets are \$22/person and must be purchased in advance by cash or check made payable to Trinity Soup Kitchen. Order yours from Susan Ward, 313.791.0483, or Rick Aussicker, 734.285.6052 (please call before 9:00pm). No refunds, as the boat will sail rain or shine!

Courier goes on vacation

Begin now to think about what events or news you may want included in the June/July/August issue of the *Courier*. The deadline for this combined summer issue is May 18. You may email articles for the *Courier* directly to JoAnn Amicangelo at joamicangelo@wideopenw est.com.

Thank You ...

"Thank you so much for all your cards and show of concern. With God's help (and the doctor's blessing), I hope to be back to work soon."

Bob Smith

Service Opportunities

We're still in need of persons to take over the role of Wedding Consultant and United Thank Offering Chairperson. If you're interested in either role, please call the church office.

FINANCIAL CORNER

Income & Expenses as of March 31, 2006

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income (Pledges & Offerings)	\$86,626	\$88,143
Other	\$8,356	\$6,615
Total Operating Income	\$94,982	\$94,758
Less Operating Expenses	\$103,893	\$112,981
Surplus / Deficit	\$(8,911)	\$(18,223)

PASSAGES

BIRTHDAYS

5/01	Isabelle Appleyard, Sarah Fisher,	5/17	Marie Mulkern	5/08	Eric & Tammie Lowery, 7 years
5/03	Mary Guzik	5/18	Christopher DeGiulio	5/09	Kevin & Margaret Green, 14 years
5/05	Bettina Caldwell, Christian Joens,	5/19	Andrew Angel, Bruce Simpson	5/14	Jack & Luceil Pedler, 57 years
	John Oatney	5/20	William Snyder	5/16	Richard & Barbara Markowski,
5/06	Tyler Haney	5/21	Christine Goss		47 years
5/09	John Anderson	5/23	Mary Jo Crane, Violet Kalman	5/18	Bohdan & Rebecca Ukrainec,
5/10	Marilyn Douglas	5/24	Charlie Groove, Janet Ostoin		10 years
5/11	Phyllis Brim	5/25	Gregory Stuber	5/23	Kevin & Sandra Garrison, 8 years
5/12	Amie Woolever	5/26	Victoria Bell, Connor Nolan	5/25	Roland & Karen Kaven, 5 years
5/13	Kathryn Boyle, Theodore	5/27	Lindsay Culp	5/29	George & Virginia Ebling,
	Morrison, Laura Poske	5/28	Richard Audi, Robert Loreto		66 years
5/14	Zacchery Burns, Rylie Lowery	5/29	Joseph Cwiek	DEATHS	
5/15	Robert Laux	5/30	Alexander Green	4/11/06	Robert Peterson
5/16	Brayden Flaig	ANNIVERSARIES		4/24/06	The Rt. Rev. Richard W. Ingalls
		5/06	Robert & Barbra Loreto, 2 years		

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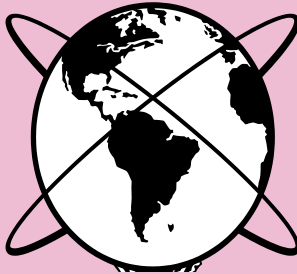
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Where will books take YOU this summer?

READ AROUND THE WORLD

2006 Summer Reading Adventures at Christ Church
Sunday, June 4, after the 10am service

- Ice Cream Social on June 4 to begin the voyage
- Passport Photos taken to start your tour around the world through books
- First Sunday of June, July and August: Prize Drawings
- Free books to those who reach their goals!



Let's see if Christ Church can make it all the way around the world during our Summer Reading Adventures! All summer long, log your path around the world. Every book and page read is exchanged for miles along the journey around the world.

Come to the Library for more details.

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