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8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 AM

Weekday Services

Tuesdays

9:20 AM Intercessory Prayer

Wednesdays

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist

Thursdays

6:30 AM Holy Eucharist followed
by breakfast and Bible study

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From the Rector

Each Sunday in April, the lectionary offers us a great story to deepen our experience of Lent as we enter into the contemplation of “those mighty acts” we call the Lord’s passion and resurrection. My hope is that our worship and learning will inspire a deeper awareness of the power of God’s saving grace for each one of God’s children at Christ Church. Jesus gives sight to a man blind from birth. The passage from John’s gospel reveals Jesus as the light of the world, which the crowds cannot accept because their faith is legitimated by obeying the rules. This story makes me wonder how often we miss a miracle because it comes in an unexpected way.

The final Sunday of Lent gives us the story of the raising of Lazarus. Jesus tells Martha, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.” When Jesus asks Martha if she believes this, her reply speaks for all disciples, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” Jesus is coming into the world at all times and in all places to give LIFE. The life that Jesus gives cannot be extinguished by the suffering of sin and death.

Palm Sunday offers two stories—Jesus’ triumphant welcome as he enters Jerusalem, hailed by the crowds as the king who comes in the name of the Lord and his Passion over the last 24 hours of his life. The story of the Passion is repeated in that afternoon’s performance of the *St. John Passion* by J. S. Bach. This year in Holy Week we offer worship every day at 7:30 PM so that the story of the passion can sink into the depth of our hearts. We need to hear this story again and again to remember every detail from the four evangelists; they reveal to us the power of God’s love in bringing us the way, the truth, and the life.

The final Sunday of April brings us the story of the resurrection. As Evelyn Underhill said, “this marks the end of the historical manifestation of the Word Incarnate and the beginning of his hidden life within the Church.” Ms. Underhill reminds us that the same quality of our life as members of the Body of Christ was revealed in the life Jesus lived. Sacrifice and love bring salvation.

The stories of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter worship help us claim the power of love so that we can become agents of healing, reconciliation, and resurrection. As we walk the way of Jesus, God’s spirit is at work in us creating unity to overcome estrangement, offering forgiveness to heal guilt, and sharing joy to conquer despair. Engage in our worship each Sunday this month and throughout Holy Week. Be assured that the power of God’s love is able to work in and through you as you follow the Light of the World, and live in the power of his resurrection. *Ruth Lawson Kirk*

**No Rich Fools:
Getting Started with Estate Planning**

Do you remember the Bible story of the rich man who had treasures amassed in barns but died before he could enjoy them? Join us on **Sunday, April 3** from 12:15 to 1:30 PM for lunch and a program on estate planning so that you do not share the same legacy as the biblical rich fool. Peter S. Gordon is a Director of the Wilmington law firm of Gordon, Fournaris & Mammarella, P.A. He is a former Chair of the Estates and Trusts Section and the Tax Section of the Delaware Bar Association and a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, and he will be with us to guide this discussion. Please RSVP at rsvp@christchurchde.org or 655-3379 before Friday, April Fools' Day.

Ernie Ruppe

Lenten Studies Continue



Continue your Lenten discipline with us:

24 Hours That Changed the World: Every day of Jesus' life drives toward this day—his last—the 24 hours that changed the world. Join Ruth Kirk and Russ Bohner during Adult Enrichment on **Sundays, April 3 and 10** at 10 AM in Parish Hall A as we accompany Jesus from the Last Supper through to the Burial and finally to the Resurrection. Copies of *24 Hours That Changed the World* are available at a discounted price at Christ Church.

Russ Bohner

The Stewardship of Creation: Grounded in the creation stories in Genesis, this interactive program connects Holy Scripture and environmental concerns facing us today. Join Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly as we study what the Bible says, engage with what our tradition teaches us about our relationship with creation, and explore practical suggestions and resources that we can use in our lives to better care for the world entrusted to us. On **Wednesdays, April 6 and 13**, a soup supper is held in the Parish Hall at 6:15 PM, followed by the program from 7 to 8 PM. Please RSVP at 655-3379 or rsvp@christchurchde.org. If you need child care, please let us know the Monday before the program.

Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly

Labyrinth Meditation

A portable labyrinth will be installed in the Parish Hall for use from **Friday, April 8 through Sunday, April 10**. A guided meditation will be offered at 7:30 PM on Friday. Our Lenten Quiet Day takes place from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM on Saturday, and the labyrinth will remain in place through Sunday afternoon for prayer and meditation.

**Lenten Quiet Day
with The Rev. Mpho Tutu
Saturday, April 9
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM**



A Quiet Day, led by The Rev. Mpho Tutu, will be offered in the Chapel on **Saturday, April 9** from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Through meditations, reading, prayer, and the use of a labyrinth, participants will consider "Seeing with the Eyes of Goodness."

The Rev. Mpho Tutu is an Episcopal priest, the Executive Director of the Tutu Institute for Prayer & Pilgrimage, and with her father, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, has authored the recently published book, *Made for Goodness*. Copies of her book will be available for purchase and signing at the Quiet Day. RSVP at rsvp@christchurchde.org or 655-3379.

Easter Memorial Deadline is April 10

If you would like to remember someone with special flowers or music at Easter this year, please mail a check (made payable to Christ Church and marked "Easter Memorials") to Christ Church, P. O. Box 3510, Wilmington, DE 19807 by **Sunday, April 10**. You may also give online at www.christchurchde.org/giving/online.asp. You may list as many names as you wish and give any amount. Please list the Christian name of each person—i.e., John and Mary Smith, not Mr. and Mrs. John Smith—and be sure to include the donor's name as well. All memorials will be listed in the Easter Day bulletin. Forms are available in the back of the Church, in the reception area of the Parish House, and online at www.christchurchde.org.



Palm Sunday

All morning services on **Palm Sunday, April 17** include the blessing of the palms and at 9 and 11 AM the gospel story of the passion of Jesus.

A Young Children's Service with Eucharist takes place at 9 AM in the Chapel for families with children under the age of 6.

J. S. Bach's St. John Passion

Mark the start of Holy Week by attending a performance of Bach's moving and dramatic *Passion According to St. John*, sung by the Christ Church Choir with orchestra and under the direction of William Owen on **Palm Sunday, April 17** at 4 PM in the Church. Our own Dana Robertson will sing the role of the Evangelist.

The *St. John Passion* is a dramatic presentation of the Passion as told in the gospel of John, constructed of dramatically presented recitatives and choruses, commented by reflective chorales and arias, framed by a great opening and closing chorus. Bach followed chapters 18 and 19 of the Gospel of John in the Luther Bible. Bach adds two lines from the Gospel of Matthew: the crying of Peter and the tearing of the curtain of the temple. Bach also uses an elaborate body of reflective commentary consisting of familiar hymns (called chorales) of the day and arias. The Gospel of the day was still read in Latin in Bach's time, and the Cantatas were elaborations on that Gospel of the day in the vernacular. It was a radical thing at the time! The same thing applies to the Passions—not only the elaborations (e.g., the arias), but the actual Gospel story was sung in the language of the people. Obviously, there are musical (and occasionally textual) compromises that arise from singing the works in translation, and the obvious optimal musical choice is to perform the works in the original German. However, nothing could be further from the spirit of the time and of the works than to offer them in a foreign language. If I were performing a Bach Passion in a University setting or perhaps even a concert hall, I would probably opt for the original German. However, in a parish church the decision is an easy one for me: follow Bach's lead and offer the works in the language of the people.

Tickets are \$25 per person. Please make checks payable to Christ Church and mail to P. O. Box 3510, Wilmington, DE 19807. You may also purchase tickets online at www.christchurchde.org. Tickets will be held at the door.

William Owen

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday in Holy Week

Evening Prayer is offered at 7:30 PM in the Church.

Maundy Thursday



A Children's Service takes place on **Maundy Thursday, April 21** at 5:30 PM in the Chapel, sharing the Lord's Supper and the ritual foot washing, loving and serving our neighbors, following the example of Jesus.

The Parish Life and Worship Committees sponsor our Maundy Thursday Supper, a sharing in fellowship around the table at 6:15 PM in the Parish Hall. The committees provide salad, bread, and beverages. Please bring a meatloaf, macaroni & cheese, or casserole to share and RSVP to rsvp@christchurchde.org or 655-3379.

We worship in the Church at 7:30 PM to observe the mandate of Jesus. The service includes Eucharist and foot washing and concludes with the stripping of the altar, in readiness for Good Friday.



Good Friday

Good Friday is the most solemn day of the Church year—the day we remember our Lord's death for our salvation. The church is open for personal devotions all day.

We mark the hour of his suffering with a service on **Good Friday, April 22** at 12 noon, including a sermon and the veneration of the cross. At 4 PM our Children's Service is in the Chapel to remember Jesus on the cross. At 7:30 PM our worship is *Tenebrae*, sung by the Christ Church Choir—a service of scripture readings, music, and prayer as the shadows deepen to darkness and Christ is laid in the tomb.



Easter Vigil Watch

At 7 PM on **Holy Saturday, April 23** we gather for Compline to open the Vigil Watch, keeping watch throughout the night, tending a sacred fire, and making prayers in the silent and darkened church until sunrise on Easter morning. Contact Kris Younger at kris@youngers.org or 234-8229 to schedule an hour or more of contemplative and restorative vigil.



Easter Day

On **Easter Day, April 24** we gather at 6 AM in the darkness to bring the new fire of Christ's light into the sanctuary, welcoming the dawn of resurrection in a service which includes Eucharist with the St. Cecilia Choir—a powerful sunrise service.

At 7:30 AM, the potluck breakfast begins in Parish Halls A and B. Please bring a breakfast casserole, fruit, sausage, coffee cake, single-serve cereal, doughnuts, etc. to share. Hot breakfast ends at 8:30 AM, but parishioners are welcome to stop by after that for self-serve continental treats. Then between the 9 and 11 AM services, a special potluck coffee hour will be held, and parishioners are invited to bring quick breads, coffee cakes, muffins, cinnamon rolls, doughnuts, etc. to share. These may be dropped off in the Parish Center Kitchen ahead of time or brought on Sunday.

At 8 AM we worship in the Chapel for the traditional spoken service of Holy Eucharist, Rite I.

Child care is available in the Nursery from 8:45 AM to 12:15 PM.

This year's Young Children's Service (under age 6) with Eucharist takes place at 9 AM in the Chapel. Special activities will take place in Parish Hall C between the service and the Easter Egg Hunt.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held in the playground area behind the Parish Center at 10:15 AM, so that all children can share in its delight.

At 9 and 11 AM we offer Easter's Eucharist in the Church. The Christ Church Choir sings, with Choral Eucharist—Charles Villiers Stanford's *Mass in B-flat*—at 11 AM.

Upcoming Baptismal Services

Baptismal services will be held on **Easter Day, April 24** at 6 AM for older children and adults and on **Sunday, May 8** at 9 AM and **Sunday, June 26** at 10 AM for those of all ages. Preparation meetings for parents and godparents will be held on Saturdays, April 23, May 7, and June 25 at 10 AM. Please contact Jane Rubini at 655-3379 or jrubini@christchurchde.org to participate in one of these services.



April Outreach Collection

Low-income Hispanic families in neighboring Kennett Square share our Christian beliefs and joy at Easter without the means for a holiday celebration. We are partnering with La Comunidad Hispana to brighten the holiday for 12 families in need with a total of 27 children, ages 1 through 13. We will provide Easter treats to surprise and delight the children in each family and food for a healthy family meal. You can help by:

- **preparing a basket for a specific child.** Pick up an egg with the child's age at Coffee Hour and return a basket with treats to the coat room in the Parish Center entrance off the circle drive.
- **providing food goods such as tortillas, rice, pasta, dried beans, canned tomatoes, and corn** to the collection bins in the Church or Parish Center.
- **contributing \$15 toward grocery gift cards for fresh foods**, specifically meat and fresh produce such as ham, pork, chicken, potatoes, lettuce, tomatoes, and other vegetables or fruit. Please make checks payable to Christ Church and mark "Easter dinner." (Send checks to the Church Office or place yours in the offering plate.)

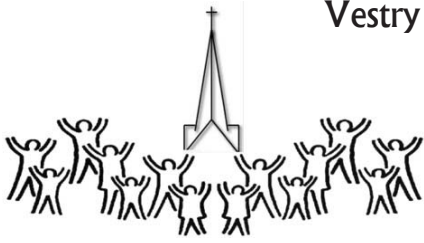
We ask that all donations of fun, food, and funds be completed by **Monday, April 18**. Thank you for helping Christian families in our neighboring community have a family Easter celebration. Please note: This drive is separate and distinct from the Easter collection at the Preschool. We will each use different collection bins/spots as noted above.

Barbara Cairns

Inquirers' Classes Begin Soon

Are you seeking greater understanding about the Episcopal Church or a deeper sense of belonging at Christ Church? Join the Rector on five Wednesday evenings for a spirited inquiry into following the way of Christ in the Episcopal Church. The sessions meet from 7 to 8:30 PM in Rooms 211/212 in the Parish Center on **Wednesdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25, and June 1**. For those who wish to affirm their membership in the Episcopal Church, these sessions serve as adult preparation for Confirmation and Reception, held on Sundays, June 12 and 26 at 10 AM. Questions? Contact the Church Office. RSVP to 655-3379 or rsvp@christchurchde.org.

Ruth Lawson Kirk



Vestry Elections & Annual Meeting

Vestry Elections

This is our first spring election cycle, following the bylaws as amended in 2009. By shifting the election of parish leaders from the fall to the spring, we support the timing of our program year that gears up each September. Elections will take place on **Sunday mornings, May 1 and 8**, following the 8:00 AM service until the start of the 11:00 AM service.

Parish Voting List

On **Sunday, April 3** the Parish Voting List will be posted in the Parish Hall. This list will contain persons eligible to vote in the elections, according to our parish bylaws. Voting members are defined as those persons who have been baptized, are at least 16 years of age, are regular attendees at parish services, and whose names have been entered for at least six months as pledging contributors of record to the financial support of Christ Church.

You are electing those members of our congregation who will oversee our mission and ministry for the next three years. Beginning Monday, April 4, you may review the candidates nominated to the work of leadership as your Vestry at www.christchurchde.org/aboutus/vestry.asp.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots for the Vestry elections will be available in the Church Office beginning **Monday, April 4**. Completed ballots must be returned to the Church Office by 4:30 PM on Friday, May 13.

Nominees for Vestry

The Vestry Nominating Committee (Steve Brodt, Bitsy Robbins, Dana Robertson, Ann Wick) thanks the parish for their input into the Vestry nominating process. The slate of candidates for election to the Vestry at our May 15 Annual Meeting will consist of these seven candidates: **Larry Ashby, John Crossan, Hal Erskine, Roger Kirtley, Jennifer O'Connor, Cathy Parsells, and Al Smith.**

Annual Celebration

As the timing of our Vestry elections has been moved from the fall to the spring, the Vestry has charged the Annual Meeting Steering Committee with changing the format of our annual meeting to a celebration of our ministries. Our bylaws say that we have to have an annual meeting, but they don't say it has to be boring and no fun!

On May 15 we will have two services at 8 and 9 AM. Ruth will give her Rector's Address at both services. After the 9 AM service we will joyously process to the Parish Center. Youth and adults will gather in Parish Halls A and B while children up to age 11 will go to the Chapel for an event of their very own with Pete Moses. Those of us in the Parish Hall will be treated to a celebration of our life together with presentations that highlight some of our ministries. The new Vestry will be introduced and commissioned. At 11:45, we will bring the children downstairs and have lunch. We hope this sounds like a fun day for all! Please mark your calendars now and look for an invitation and RSVP information soon. This is not your father's annual meeting!

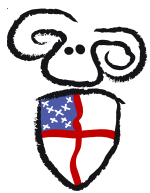
Annual Meeting Steering Committee: Susan Casscells, Chair; Barbara Cairns, Betsy Field, Leslie Kelly, Jennifer O'Connor, Dana Robertson, Ann Wick

March Vestry Meeting Highlights

- The Stewardship and Finance Committees reported that 2010 expenses came in under budget, and the amount pledged to date for 2011 is an increase over last year, the first occurrence of this since 2005.
- The 2010 parochial report reflects a decrease in worship service attendance for 2010.
- The Vestry passed a motion to allow voting for our Vestry elections on both May 1 and May 8, 2011, prior to the Annual Meeting on May 15.
- Annual reports from all committees and ministries will be posted on the website in advance of the annual meeting.

Dana Robertson

Christ Church Episcopal Preschool



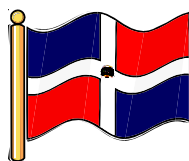
The Preschool children put away all the Alleluias for Lent. They collected dozens of slips of paper with the word Alleluia on them from around the Chapel and stored them away in a big black box, to be taken out again at Easter. We sang our “Hallelu” song and said several prayers with “Amen, Alleluia!” appended, so that they could enjoy the word one last time before putting it away. They love the sign language we always use to accompany our Alleluias but are being very careful to remind each other that we don’t use that word right now. Although we still have weeks to go before Easter, I am eagerly anticipating their excitement and joy when they are able to say “Alleluia, Christ is risen; the Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!”

Lynne Jensen, in her Godly Play classes in the Preschool, has taught the children the difference between a “serious” time and a “joyful” time. Although I am not sure the children can grasp the complexities of Lent and what it means for God’s people, they do recognize that after this season of solemnity comes a time of great joy. We can all learn something simple about waiting and anticipation from our youngest children: Easter always follows Lent, and joy comes after sorrow.

Preschool Enrollment: The Preschool has completed the re-enrollment process, and our numbers are very strong for next year. We have a waiting list for two-year-olds and are expanding our Pre-K program. We still have openings for 18-month-olds, so if you know of a family whose child fits this age group, please encourage them to apply. Our loving, experienced Cherub teachers are specialists with toddlers and would love to welcome additional children to their class.

Jo Harney

Youth Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic



Sixteen youth and four adults will serve the people of Jalonga, Dominican Republic this summer from **June 25-July 2**. The adult leaders for the trip are Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly, Beth Faulkner, Brad du Pont, and John Crossan.

Look for opportunities to help support our trip and our friends in Jalonga. Thanks to everyone for signing up for Lenten Service Offerings. You will be hearing from the youth soon on when they will be serving you.

Part of the requirement for the youth participating in the mission trip is to take part in one of three planned service projects. The youth spent a morning serving at Friendship House in February and will serve at SOAR in April and St. Michael’s School & Nursery in May.

The youth and leaders of the Dominican Republic trip will be gathering for a working retreat on **April 15-16** in preparation for their trip.

Join us for Charcoal Pit fund-raiser nights for the DR trip on **Monday, April 18** and **Monday, May 16**. Bring your family and enjoy a night out together. 15% of the proceeds from the evening will go the DR Youth mission trip. Flyers will be available at church and online.

Mark your calendars for the Dominican Republic trip’s Fiesta dinner on **Sunday, May 22** at 6 PM. You’ll enjoy wonderful food prepared by the youth going to Jalonga! Tickets will be on sale in early May.

The youth will collect baseball supplies, especially baseball gloves and balls, for the Dominican Republic in May.

Lynne Jensen

Episcopal Youth Event in Indianapolis this June

Becca Durgin, Max Holdsworth, and Lynne Jensen will be part of the Diocese of Delaware’s delegation to the National Episcopal Youth Event **June 21-28**. The group will travel to Indianapolis by bus with other delegations from Province 3. This year’s Episcopal Youth Event will feel similar to past events in many ways, yet it is shaping up to be a very different experience. There will be three full days of worship, sharing, praying, learning, singing, and working, calling participants into a greater awareness of and commitment to God’s mission in the world. It will be followed by three days of mission, an opportunity for youth groups to engage in urban or rural mission. Embracing the “Anglican Marks of Mission” as their charge, the gathering will strive to engage the passion and energy of faithful youth, to embrace their call to ministry, and to empower them to put their faith into action.

Lynne Jensen

Children & Youth Ministries

Sunday School Schedule for April and May

Worship will be the focus of Holy Week and the Easter Season, so special opportunities for worship and enrichment will be offered.

April 3 Yes, we have Children & Youth Enrichment on the first Sunday of April this Lent.

April 10 Regular Schedule

April 17 Palm Sunday – Young Children’s Service (under age 6) with Eucharist at 9 AM in the Chapel, followed by special activities for the children in Parish Hall A

April 24 Easter Day – Children and youth attend worship.

Young Children’s Service (under age 6) with Eucharist at 9 AM in the Chapel, followed by special activities for the children in Parish Hall C between the service and the Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 AM on the playground behind the Parish Center. Bring a basket!

May 1 First Sunday – Children and youth attend worship.

May 8 Godly Play children will be in Church for Baptisms at 9 AM, then in the Chapel for Chapel Chat with Ruth on “the Eucharist” at 10 AM. Youth and 3rd-5th grade programs will meet as usual at 10 AM in their classrooms.

May 15 Annual Meeting Sunday – Children and youth attend worship.

Annual Meeting at 10 AM – Youth attend the Annual Meeting.

Special Children’s Music Event with Pete Moses at 10:15 AM in the Chapel

May 22 Regular Schedule – last Children & Youth Enrichment

May 29 Children and youth attend worship.

Children’s Ministry

Godly Play takes place at 9 AM for 3-year-olds through those in 2nd grade. The children are exploring Lent and the stories of Jesus. After Godly Play, the children go to the Chapel for pickup or stay for Godly Play Enrichment from 10:00 to 10:50 AM.

During Godly Play Enrichment, the children search for God sightings in their lives and all around them,

exploring the Fruits of the Spirit, singing and building community through games and activities. Yoga and Spanish activities are also offered. Pickup from Godly Play Enrichment is in the Chapel at 11 AM. The theme for April is faithfulness.

The 3rd through 5th grade classes meet at 10 AM and use a lectionary-based curriculum called “Living the Good News.” Each Sunday morning through discussion, games, and activities, the groups explore the scriptures from the 9 AM service.

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Enrichment is offered at 10 AM.

- Rite-13: 6th and 7th grades Room 214
- J2A: 8th and 9th grades New Youth Room
- YAC: 10th, 11th, and 12th grades Youth Annex

The **Confirmation class** is heading to Camp Arrowhead for their Confirmation retreat on April 1, 2, and 3. Please pray for this group of young people as they explore their faith and prepare to be confirmed. The adult leaders for the retreat are Lynne Jensen, Ruth Lawson Kirk, Marcy Kempner, Chuck Durgin, and Tom Marcin.

The **YAC** class made and sold macaroni & cheese as a fund-raiser for the Dominican Republic trip and donated a total of \$300 in March.

Six youth from Christ Church went to **Wintercamp** with other youth from the Diocese of Delaware in Glen Spey, New York the first weekend in March. It was a great weekend! Over 400 youth gathered for fun, games, worship, and fellowship.

The **J2A class** made over \$700 toward their 2012 Pilgrimage from the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

The **St. Agnes Choir** will rehearse on **Sundays, April 3 and 10** in preparation for Easter.

The **Rite-13 class** went to lunch together at the Charcoal Pit on March 20. They will serve breakfast at Friendship House on **Sunday, April 3** and have a Hunger Banquet on **Sunday, April 10** immediately following class.

There will be a Parent and Youth informational meeting for the **2012 Pilgrimage** on **Sunday, April 10** at 4 PM for all 8th and 9th grade J2A families.

Lynne Jensen

From the Christ Church Register

- Burial Office for Martha Smith MacKelcan on January 27.
- Burial Office for Jane Hill Schermerhorn on January 29.
- Burial Office for Theodore Hammond Marvin on March 5.
- Burial Office for Robert Bates Scott on March 11.
- Burial Office for William Benjamin Davis on March 23.

From the Prayer Ministry

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servants, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Editor's Note

Please address your suggestions and comments on the *Communicator* to: slawtonfasic@christchurchde.org; P. O. Box 3510, Wilmington, DE 19807; or 655-3379. **The deadline for articles for the *Christ Church Communicator* is the 18th of each month.**

Sherry Lawton-Fasic

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Christ Church Labyrinth

During Christ Church's search for a rector in 2007, the spiraling path of a labyrinth came to be the defining symbol in all printed communications. Although Christ Church had never had a labyrinth on its grounds, the image described the process of our discernment in calling our 15th rector. As it happened, walking the labyrinth has been part of Ruth Kirk's spiritual discipline. In 2009 a Labyrinth Committee was formed, drawing members from other committees whose work resonated with the development of an alternative form of worship and spiritual practice for members and visitors seeking solace here. Walking the labyrinth with intention along the single path into the center and out again is often experienced as a powerful act of centering in God and discernment for life's journey.

A portable canvas labyrinth was installed in the Parish Hall for an Advent weekend last December. Cal Wick was one of many people who walked the labyrinth, and he relates that when he reached the center and paused, it was an enormously profound experience. The feeling stayed with him, and Cal began to believe that the labyrinth could be of value to others on their own spiritual journey. Recently Cal and Ann Wick informed the Church that they wish to provide the funds to purchase a paved labyrinth kit to be installed permanently on the lawn just beyond the Memorial Garden. Their gift is an expression of gratitude, commemorating Cal's 40th anniversary in the priesthood and the many meaningful events in Ann's life that have occurred at Christ Church. The Vestry accepted the Wicks' gift at its March meeting, setting the stage for the project to move ahead.

Our intention is that the Christ Church labyrinth (a replica of the 13th century Chartres labyrinth) will be paid for entirely by gifts, expressions of gratitude, and thanksgiving. The Wicks have provided a great start. The Buildings & Grounds Committee is at work, preparing a conceptual drawing and inviting bids for the installation. The Vestry will oversee our committee's intentions and deliberations for the next steps. What remains is to prepare the site, install the labyrinth, and provide benches, landscaping, ground lighting, and access paths. We hope and trust that the balance of the necessary funds will come from parishioners who feel—as the Wicks do—that this ancient Christian tradition will be a valuable addition to encourage the experience of God's presence anew in our life journeys.

The portable labyrinth returns for the weekend of our Lenten Quiet Day (April 9). Plan to experience a labyrinth meditation Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. A guided meditation will be offered at 7:30 PM on Friday, April 8.

If you have an interest in the labyrinth project or wish to join our working group, please contact any member of the Labyrinth Committee: Mark Attix, Linda Boyden, Steve Boyden, Betsy Field, Jim Graham, Ruth Kirk, Barbara Morgan, Gina Pike, and Joan Sharp.

Steve Boyden, Committee Chair