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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

May 15 was a great day for Christ Church. Many talents combined to make a new kind of Annual Meeting. I'm grateful for the leadership of Barbara Cairns, Betsy Field, Wilson Anthony, and Ann Wick who researched other congregations of similar size to suggest our move to Sunday morning for worship, celebration, reporting, and fellowship. I'm grateful to Susan Casscells for her leadership of the planning team and to each member of that team for their contribution of time and talent—Barbara Cairns, Betsy Field, Leslie Kelly, Jennifer O'Connor, Dana Robertson, Mike Sayer, and Ann Wick—and to Walt Morris and Betsy Scott for their help in preparation.

The published Annual Report is available on our website at www.christchurchde.org. It is a wonderful review of the ministry we share in Christ's name. Thank you to all who contributed to it and to Sherry Lawton-Fasic and Mike Sayer for editing the report.

In our worship at 9 AM, members from all four choirs combined to offer their anthems. Though our organist/choirmaster is on sabbatical leave, Bill Owen would have been very proud of the strength and beauty of all those voices in harmony. The text of my annual address is posted at www.christchurchde.org as well. Though the day was gray and foggy, the congregation seemed buoyant as the ministry banners led the procession from the Church to the Parish Hall.

Andy Johnston gave a wonderful address as the retiring senior warden. His notes are posted at www.christchurchde.org too. He reminded us of many facts and figures that we can use to measure Christ Church and encouraged us to engage our "inquiring and discerning hearts" to discover new ways to measure our common life and find our place in it.

Andy was followed by a summary of Children's Ministry by Lynne Jensen and a report by Becca Durgin and Max Holdsworth about Youth Ministry at Christ Church. Maggie Moran closed the report with a plea for support for those going on the youth mission trip to the Dominican Republic this summer. Barbara Cairns and Lindsay Lee produced a video segment for the Outreach report. In it we heard testimony from our members and the residents and staff of Epiphany House about how meaningful this special outreach effort has been for all involved. Scott Poole reminded us that food is an essential part of the work of Parish Life, because eating together builds connections and increases our sense of belonging. He encouraged people to offer ideas for new events that can continue to strengthen the bonds within our congregation. Lisa Simon followed to remind us of the many aspects of care that make up our Pastoral Ministries Team as Martha

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Lankford held up an umbrella of flowing hearts, a visual reminder of the connections between the several efforts in support and love shared among our members.

Then came the time for recognition and appreciation, for the work of gratitude is important in Christian community. We applauded the Annual Meeting Planning team and the nine staff members present. Continuing a custom I'd begun, I raised up two members of Christ Church who deserve special recognition for their ministry among us. Ned Jackson has served as our treasurer for some eight years, carefully attending to our financial records and stewardship performance. Maryann Younger is retiring from leadership as the chair of the board of trustees for our preschool, having served a 7-year leadership term. Both received the accolades of hearty applause. We gave thanks to the retiring vestry members—Oliver Faulkner, our youth representative, Ann Wick, Bitsy Robbins, Dana Robertson, completing Judy Sargent's term, Steve Brodt, the junior warden for two terms, and Andy Johnston, having served five and a half years as a vestry member and two terms as senior warden. I praised Andy for his steadfast partnership, and on behalf of the people of Christ Church, presented him with *The Book of Common Prayer*.

Russ Bohner took the podium to express appreciation for my ministry, leading another hearty round of applause, for which I am grateful.

Steve Brodt gave the report of the judges of election, on behalf of Bitsy Robbins and Ann Wick. He expressed appreciation for the seven candidates who were willing to serve and announced the election of John Crossan, Roger Kirtley, Jennifer O'Connor, and Cathy Parsells. He then announced the appointment of Becca Durgin as the vestry youth representative. The continuing and new vestry members assembled in front of the meeting as I announced my appointment of Ted Cover as the senior warden. The junior warden will be elected from the vestry at its June 9 meeting. We commissioned the new vestry before adjourning the annual meeting.

Our children had been engaging in their own celebration of music and movement, led by Pete Moses. They joined us for a delicious lunch and fellowship. As we ate, trivia quizzes were distributed, and Jennifer O'Connor announced the answers. All in all, May 15 was a wonderful celebration of our mission and ministry as Christ Church Christiana Hundred.

Ruth Lawson Kirk

Ascension Day Service

Ascension Day is one of the seven Principal Feasts of the Church, putting it in the same category as Christmas, Easter, Epiphany, and All Saints' Day. Please mark your calendar for this year's service on **Thursday, June 2** at 7:30 PM in the Church.



Town Meeting on Finances

All parishioners are invited to review the financial health and stewardship of Christ Church at our annual Financial Town Meeting. We will meet at 4:30 PM on **Sunday, June 5** in Parish Hall A. Child care will be provided if there is a need. Call 655-3379 before Friday, June 3.

Upcoming Baptismal Service

The sacrament of Holy Baptism will be held at the bishop's visitation on **Sunday, June 26** at 10 AM. A preparation meeting for parents and godparents will take place on Saturday, June 25 at 10 AM in the Church. To participate in this service, contact Jane Rubini at jrubini@christchurchde.org or 655-3379.

Vacation at Memorial House



The Parish Life Committee has reserved time for parishioners to enjoy fellowship at Memorial House—the Diocese of Delaware's retreat center in Rehoboth Beach: **Friday, August 5-Friday, August 12**. The former summer home of Felix du Pont, Memorial House is nestled in the pines section of Rehoboth, two blocks from the beach. Breakfast and dinner are included. For reservations and rates, contact Kathy Moore at memorialhouse@dioceseofdelaware.net or 656-5441.

Epiphany House Dinners

On the second Tuesday of each month, two to three Christ Church parishioners bring and eat dinner with six women at Epiphany House. This lovely home for women in recovery is run by Friendship House. We arrive at the house at 5:15 PM with a ready-to-eat meal and are usually finished by 6:30 PM. These women are very grateful for what they receive and are fun and interesting to chat with during dinner. Spaces are available beginning in July and through the rest of 2011. If you would like to help, contact Joe Stoeckle at 737-7401 or jkstoeckle@aol.com. *Joe Stoeckle*

June Outreach Collections

UrbanPromise is a ministry that equips children and youth with skills for academic achievement, life management, spiritual growth, and Christian leadership. During June, we will collect *paper plates, napkins, cups, plastic forks and knives, all purpose cleaner, dish liquid, hand sanitizer and soap, paper towels, tissues, and toilet paper* for the ministry's summer camp programs.

The YWCA Home Life Management Center is a residential program for homeless families working to get back on their feet. We will collect *new twin-size blankets, sheets, pillows, towels, and washcloths* for their program which provides counseling, job, life, and financial skills to those reaching to achieve home ownership.

Collection bins are located in the back of the Church and in the Parish Center near the circle drive. Tax receipts are available for your records.

Planned Giving: Christ Church Legacy Society

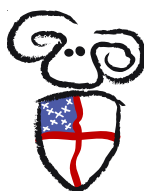
This is a personal testimonial from Nan Naeve answering "why?" she and Milo decided to name Christ Church in their wills.

Perhaps it is best said in the motto: "Returning God's Bounty," which was suggested by Milo for two recent annual stewardship campaigns. Our decision was in response to the blessings in our lives. It was also our desire to contribute to the future of the parish that has been such a vital part of our lives.

We became active members of Christ Church in 1957. We moved away from the area in the late 1960's, and then following retirement, we returned to Wilmington and Christ Church in 1992. We have received more from Christ Church than could ever be returned. Cherished are the nourishing of faith, the worship, the music, the quiet caring, and the endearing friendships. Many of these friendships were formed more than 50 years ago.

Milo and I realized that remembering Christ Church in our wills could only be a symbolic statement, never more. But, we also knew that our actions could help ensure that this church would be a part of countless more lives. Now that I must walk without Milo, I don't walk alone because I have God's love and assurance that is manifested in Christ Church through the clergy, staff, and members. I hope that you will consider your reasons "why" and remember Christ Church through planned giving.

Nan Naeve



CCEP Welcomes Spring!

It's hard to believe that we have reached the end of our academic year. The days have flown by, filled with laughter and learning, music and movement, and prayer and play. We are grateful that parents have entrusted us with their most precious gift, and we are awed by the responsibility that places on us as teachers. We are committed to caring for them, fostering their learning and development, and being the best teachers we can be.

As part of our Delaware Stars requirements, we are preparing for an Environmental Rating assessment in the fall. All of our teachers have taken classes in these rating scales and are now conducting self-assessments in their classrooms. Through the Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood Education, we will receive grant money to improve our classrooms and expand our activities, meeting the high standards of the Environmental Rating Scale.

We are happy to show you our school and our wonderful learning environments. Please stop by or call the school office (472-0021) for an appointment. You are also welcome to join us in the Chapel each Tuesday morning at 11 AM. Ruth conducts a 15-minute chapel service with singing, prayer, and a lesson, and it is a joy to watch the children embrace this sacred time.

We are near capacity for the fall but still have a few openings for 3- and 4-year-olds. If you know of someone who is looking for a quality preschool experience, please direct them to us. Also, our summer camp program begins on June 6, so the lively atmosphere here will continue through the summer!

Jo Harney

Youth Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

There is a mandatory parent and youth meeting on **Sunday, June 5** at 1 PM in Parish Hall A for all participating in the June mission trip to the DR.

Over the past few months, the youth have met their service requirements for the trip by serving at Friendship House, St. Michael's School & Nursery, and SOAR.

The Fiesta Dinner on May 22 was a great success. Good food in a fun, relaxed atmosphere made for a perfect evening. Thanks to Kris Younger for his help!

Thank you for all of your support through our collections and fund-raisers for the Dominican Republic trip! It's not too late to make a donation to the trip. Contact Lynne Jensen for details. *Lynne Jensen*

Outreach Committee Allocations

The Outreach Committee has recently finalized their allocations for 2011. For the past three years, Outreach's primary focus has been programs that "address poverty, specifically those programs that feed, clothe, house, educate, advocate for, and offer health care for the destitute, the homeless, and the deprived." While there is a primary focus, Outreach also funds a variety of other agencies. Historically, we have attempted to allocate roughly two-thirds of our funds toward our primary focus. Each year every committee member reads and discusses every grant request, over the course of a month.

It is always hard to balance the needs of many agencies against our limited funds. In doing so, one of our primary criteria is involvement with the Christ Church community. Our Outreach funding is an extension of our church activities, helping to engage the church membership, in support of Matthew 25:31-46, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Outreach has continued to try and leverage Christ Church time and monies by partnering with the Jessie Ball du Pont Fund to seek funding for our partner agencies in the community. A successful Jessie Ball du Pont grant requires CCCH to commit not only our time and talent but also additional monies for the specific grant project. These monies are separate from our annual allocation process. The prospective agency is selected through a separate grant review process. The annual allocation process sets aside money to meet this Jessie Ball du Pont Fund requirement. We are now in the second year of a 3-year grant for Creative Mentoring. In the past we have received monies to help Survivors of Abuse in Recovery, Delaware Futures, and Latin American Community Center. All told, Outreach has been able to direct more than \$400,000 in Jessie Ball du Pont grants to area agencies.

The following list shows all of the agencies funded for 2011 and the amounts received. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about Outreach and the agencies we work with, please contact any member of the committee or look at the Outreach portion of the church website. *Tom Scott*

AIDS Delaware	\$ 3,000
Brady Kohn Foundation	1,000
Brandywine Pastoral Institute	5,000
Camp Arrowhead	2,000
Cathedral Choir School of Delaware	20,000
Christina Cultural Arts Center	2,000
Connecting Generations (Creative Mentoring)	7,000
Connecting Generations – Jessie Ball match	5,000
CONTACT LifeLine	2,500
Delaware Adolescent Program, Inc.	2,500
Delaware Futures, Inc.	10,000
Delaware Guidance Services for Children and Youth, Inc.	2,500
First State School Program	1,500
Friendship House, Inc.	25,000
Garage Youth Center	500
Habitat for Humanity	5,000
Interfaith Community Housing of DE	7,500
Kuumba Academy Charter School	1,000
La Comunidad Hispana	1,000
Latin American Community Center	1,000
Limen House	5,000
Literacy Volunteers	2,500
Pathways to Wholeness	2,500
Practice Without Pressure	750
Prestige Academy Charter School	1,000
Reading ASSIST Institute	8,000
Rodney Street Tennis & Tutoring Association	1,000
Serviam Girls Academy	2,000
St. Michael's School & Nursery, Inc.	25,000
STEHM	1,000
Sunday Breakfast Mission	1,000
Survivors of Abuse in Recovery, Inc.	9,000
Trinity Alcohol & Drug Program	1,000
Trustees of Color	500
UrbanPromise	2,500
Wellness Community	2,000
West Center City Early Learning Center	3,100
Wilmington Senior Center, Inc.	2,500
YWCA of New Castle County	5,000
Subtotal	\$180,350
CCCH Programs	
CCCH Youth Group	\$ 1,000
Global Mission Fund	2,500
Ministry of Caring/Emmanuel Dining Room	9,000
Next Jessie Ball du Pont grant	10,000
Capital Campaign Fund	10,000
Reserve/Other Gifts/Expenses	7,458
Agency Breakfast	1,750
Subtotal	\$ 41,708
TOTAL	\$222,058

Children & Youth Ministries

Children & Youth Ministry Celebration: Be sure to join us on **Sunday, June 5** at 10 AM as we celebrate children and youth ministries at Christ Church. We will recognize our Sunday morning teachers, youth leaders, graduating seniors, and St. Nicholas Choir members. In addition, rising 3rd graders will receive prayer books. Following the service, there will be a potluck picnic on the upper lawn. *Bring a dish to share as well as picnic blankets and chairs.*

Mark Your Calendars:

- June 5** Children & Youth Ministry Celebration during 10 AM service, followed by a picnic
June 12 Confirmation with Bishop Turner – Children and youth attend worship.
June 19 Summer Children’s Program for ages 3 through 2nd grade begins at 10 AM in the Chapel. The theme is “Knowing Jesus”—a whole new set of Godly Play stories just made available. The children will gather in the Church at 10 AM, process to the Chapel for worship, and return to the Church at the time of The Peace. Nursery care is available from 9 to 11:30 AM in Room 102.
June 26 Confirmation and Baptism with Bishop Wright – Children and youth attend worship.

Children’s Ministry News

Ruth gathered the children for a Chapel Chat on the Eucharist in May. The children explored all aspects of the Eucharist, including the service itself, the elements, the vestments, and why we celebrate it. A child-size altar, vestments, and elements were also used to allow the younger children a hands-on experience.

During Holy Week, there were four services designed for young children and their families—Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day.

The Easter Egg Hunt had to be moved indoors because of the weather, but over 900 eggs were found! Thanks to Marisa Stipa for leading this event.

Youth Ministry News

The Rite-13 class had a lock-in the first weekend in May. A great time was had by all, even if there wasn’t much sleeping!

Four youth in the Rite-13 class made their Rite-13 on May 22.

The YAC class went out to lunch to celebrate the last day of class.

Several students going on the DR trip spent a morning gardening and mulching at SOAR. Check out the photo album of their good work on our website.

Becca Durgin and Max Holdsworth gave a PowerPoint presentation at the Annual Meeting on May 15 about the youth at Christ Church. Becca and Max will represent Christ Church and be part of Delaware’s delegation—along with 12 other youth from our diocese, our Diocesan Youth Coordinator Teri Valente, Lynne Jensen, and Bishop Wright—when they attend the Episcopal Youth Event in Minnesota June 21-28.

Lynne Jensen

Vacation Bible School – Pandamania!



Vacation Bible School will be **August 15-19** from 9 AM to 12 noon. This year’s theme is Pandamania! Pandamania is a wild celebration of God’s unconditional love. Take your kids on an adventure into a lush, bamboo forest where they will experience firsthand just how wild God is about them through the stories of God with awesome music, games, crafts, and fun activities! Children 4 and older may register. Registration forms are in the back of the Church, in the reception area of the Parish House, and online at www.christchurchde.org/christianed/childrensministry.asp. The cost is \$15 and a 64-ounce bottle of apple juice for each child.

Volunteers are needed! We have opportunities for teachers, assistant teachers, snack coordinators, drop-off/pick-up helpers, lunch coordinators, and set-up and clean-up crews. Also, teens can earn community service hours for school by serving as junior counselors. Please contact Lisa White, lisachrist@aol.com, or Lynne Jensen, ljensen@christchurchde.org, if you can help.

Lynne Jensen

From the Christ Church Register

- Marriage of Charlotte Simonds Greenewalt and Maxwell Barus on April 30.
- Burial Office for Jonathan Lowell Hoelzer on April 30.
- Marriage of Jennifer Milagros Brooks and Kevin Terrence McVey on April 30.
- Interment of Joseph M. Boyd on May 5.
- Burial Office for Paul Edward Legrand on May 7.
- Burial Office for Virginia A. Edwards on May 12.
- Burial Office for Carolyn Clyde Novak on May 16.
- Interment of Edward L. Ivy, Jr. on May 21.

From the Prayer Ministry

May the sun shine bright on your joyous days,
And the rain refresh you through peaceful nights;
May summer show you God's wondrous ways,
And prepare you for heaven's great delights.

from Irish-American Blessings and Prayers, by Andrew M. Greeley

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