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Sunday Services

Summer – 8:00 and 10:00 AM
Beginning 9/18 – 8, 9, and 11 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

A Most Excellent Incarnation

These are words that I have used occasionally with the vestry as we discern God's leading for Christ Church in the next seven to ten years. As we strive to fulfill our mission to follow Christ, to share in the beauty and power of God's transforming love in worship, fellowship, and service, we must adapt fluidly to changing times and, at the same time, remain authentic to our congregation's identity. It is a challenge and a blessing to find ways to embody the love of God in Christ Jesus for our era. In many ways on Sunday, September 11, we are prepared for that excellent incarnation: God's transforming power touching our lives.

It is the tenth anniversary of a heartbreaking tragedy, and members of our parish family will experience fresh grief as the loss is experienced again. Like Pearl Harbor or the day our nation's President was assassinated, those who can remember know exactly where they were when they heard the news of terror. That attack spawned acts of aggression, sending our military into battles that last to this day, and thousands more have lost their lives and share in grief and loss. In a most excellent incarnation on the tenth anniversary of 9/11, we offer a Requiem Eucharist at 5:00 PM. The Christ Church Choir will sing Philip Ledger's *Requiem: A Thanksgiving for Life*, and we will share in the breaking of bread and in the prayers.

At the 9:00 hour we will gather in the Parish Hall to mark the conclusion of the 90-Day Bible Prayer Challenge. Challenging it is, indeed, to have spent 20 minutes in quiet contemplation of God's holy Word each day through the summer, but also a blessing to be in God's presence and grow in faith and prayer.

Our 10:00 AM worship offers another excellent incarnation as we bless those who will serve this year as teachers and leaders of Christian enrichment programs for children and youth. I've moved away from calling it "Sunday School." Our faith is not imparted by information shared in the classroom but by the experience of faith practices like worship, prayer, and service and the insight gained from shared reflection in fellowship. I believe the most important work for a Christian of any age on the Lord's Day is to worship God. We will bless the teachers who help our youngest members encounter and interpret their experiences of God.

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Outdoor Worship

On the first Sundays in September and October, we will move outdoors for a more relaxed experience of worship. Please bring your lawn chairs and blankets with you and dress casually for the weather and the location of our service. Join us on **Sunday, September 4** at 10 AM and on **Sunday, October 2** at 9 AM for outdoor worship.

Pool Party to Mark the End of Summer

On **Friday, September 9** there will be a Pool Party and Potluck Picnic at the Snuff Mill Swim Club starting at 6:30 PM. Bring a picnic supper or salad dish to share (grills and a microwave are available but no ovens). Ice cream for sundaes will be provided. Don't forget bathing suits and towels. All parishioners are invited, and no reservations are necessary. Call David Morrell, 658-6211, with questions.

The Christ Church Labyrinth

The labyrinth will be formally opened with a brief ceremony to follow the 10 AM service on **Sunday, September 11**, just prior to the Parish Picnic. From that point onward, we welcome everyone—members of Christ Church, their friends, neighbors, and anyone from the community—to walk the Christ Church Labyrinth. We pray that for as long as its stones endure, the labyrinth will be a treasured part of the faith journey of all who walk it. *Steve Boyden*

Annual Parish Picnic

Grab your lawn chairs and blankets...pull out those great family recipes for side dishes you know and love...and then come join your church friends and family at this year's Parish Picnic on **Sunday, September 11** following the 10 AM service! The Parish Life Committee will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and pulled pork. Please bring a finger dessert (brownies, cookies) if your last name begins with A – G; a green, fruit, or veggie salad or side if your last name begins with H – O; or a side dish (pasta, cole slaw, baked beans, deviled eggs) if your last name begins with P – Z. A parish softball game is planned for kids and adults in addition to our usual picnic fun. Our picnic is the perfect kickoff to the exciting year we have planned here at Christ Church!

Acolyte Training

All new and returning acolytes should plan to attend a training session on **Sunday, September 11** from 12:15 to 1:45 PM, following the Parish Picnic. We'll gather in the Church for an overview of the acolyte program and basic training.

Requiem Eucharist



A Requiem Eucharist for the tenth anniversary of 9/11 will be held at Christ Church on **Sunday, September 11** at 5 PM to commemorate the tragic events 10 years ago.

The service will include a performance of Sir Philip Ledger's *Requiem: A Thanksgiving for Life* by the Christ Church Choir and instrumental ensemble. The world premiere of this major choral work was given by the Christ Church Choir in 2007 on All Saints' Sunday. The first UK performance was given by the Choir of King's College, Cambridge on Remembrance Sunday 2007 in King's College Chapel. Both performances were conducted by the composer.

Subtitled *A Thanksgiving for Life*, this beautiful Requiem explores a range of emotions and has the traditional Latin movements interspersed with settings of wonderful poems by the mystical English poet, Thomas Traherne (c. 1636-74). "The poems of Traherne are full of wonder at God's creation and the part that we play in it," says Philip Ledger. "For me, his joyful imagery ideally complements the more austere, but beautiful, Latin words of the Requiem."

The piece begins with the birth of the soul and ends with its final journey to paradise. With the Scriptures appointed for the day, this 5 PM service is a meaningful way to mark the tenth anniversary of 9/11. Please attend, bring guests, and spread the word of this service throughout the community. *William Owen*



Sunday, September 18

8, 9, and 11 AM services,

Children, Youth, and

Adult Enrichment programs resume.

September Outreach Collections

September is “back to school” month. In recognition of the great need of some children in the Wilmington community for school clothing, we will collect *slacks, trousers, shirts, blouses, socks, sweaters, and light jackets in all kids’ sizes* for the Clothing Bank of Delaware.

Connecting Generations recruits, trains, and supports mentors who make a difference in the lives of children who need help in schools throughout Delaware. All it takes is one hour per week and the desire to help a child become all he or she can be. During September we will collect *educational games, puzzles, and books* for mentors to use with young children. We also ask that parishioners consider volunteering to mentor. Visit www.creativementoring.org or call (877) 202-9050.

Collection bins are located in the Church and Parish Center. Tax receipts are available for your records.



Join the Choir!

Those in 1st grade on up are invited to join the **St. Nicholas Choir**. The group meets on Thursday afternoons from 4:15 to 5:15 PM in the Chapel and sings in the Church on the first Sunday of each month and on special occasions. Contact Nadine DiLorenzo at nadine@dilorenzo.net or 575-1202 to register or for more information. Our first rehearsal will take place on **Thursday, September 8**.

The **St. Agnes Choir** is an auditioned group of exceptionally talented teenage girls who rehearse most Sunday afternoons from 4 to 5 PM and sing at various services throughout the church year, including Lessons and Carols. They also sing with the Christ Church, St. Cecilia, and St. Nicholas Choirs from time to time. Please contact Bill Owen directly at 655-3379 or women@christchurchde.org to arrange an interview and audition.

The **St. Cecilia Choir** invites potential members to a supper in Parish Hall B on **Thursday, September 22** at 6:30 PM, just prior to rehearsal that evening. We look forward to sharing our experience of a joyful ministry, leading the congregation in music at the 9 AM service at Christ Church—three Sundays a month, with two rehearsals a month. Please contact the Church Office at rsvp@christchurchde.org or 655-3379 if you would like to attend so that there will be food and music for all.

Saint Thomas Choir Concert

Christ Church is privileged to host the internationally celebrated boys from the famous Choir of Saint Thomas, 5th Avenue for a concert on **Thursday, September 29** at 7:30 PM in the Church. The Choir of Saint Thomas Church is considered by many to be one of the world’s finest choral groups. The Choir School was founded in 1919 in the heart of New York City for boys in grades 3 through 8. The entire Choir of Men and Boys was present for our dedication series of the Christ Church organ in 1991. Our September concert with the boys will be a treat for all but especially for families and children. We hope you’ll join us!

*****Host Families Needed*****

If you are able to host two or more students in your home on the night of **Thursday, September 29**, please contact Jane Rubini at 655-3379 or jrubini@christchurchde.org. We will have 25 boy choristers ranging in age from 8-14, along with adult chaperones. We expect that hosts can pick up their guests following the concert on Thursday, enjoy having them with their family overnight, and return them to Christ Church by 8:30 AM on Friday to rehearse and prepare for their next concert.

Study, Sup, and Serve

Our Study, Sup, and Serve program will return this fall for those interested in a meaningful, short-term opportunity to learn and serve with fellow parishioners! Join a small group of parishioners who will gather for four weeks to read and discuss *A World Apart: Women, Prison, and Life Behind Bars* by Cristina Rathbone. After the group completes the book, we will volunteer together at Epiphany House, a home for women who are transitioning out of prison. Combining learning and serving in this unique way allows parishioners to more authentically encounter others as we strive to live into our baptismal vows to seek and serve Christ in all persons. The group will gather for discussion and lunch on **Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20, and 27** from 12 to 1 PM at Christ Church. Dates for meeting the women of Epiphany House and our service dates will be announced soon. Space will be limited, so please sign up early at rsvp@christchurchde.org or 655-3379. Please direct questions to Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly at jandrewsweckerly@christchurchde.org.

Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly

Summer Stewards

When I was fresh out of college, I participated in a one-day training session on how to develop a personal budget. Through that training I realized that the small amounts I was saving in my budget through thrifty purchasing or cutting down on entertainment were totally obliterated by my “treats” to myself for my practice of saving. So the dollar that I saved one day was overwhelmed by the ten dollar meal with a friend the next day. My challenge with “treats” continues today and is especially challenging in the summer. When I am at the beach, I cannot resist one more ice cream cone or another order of Thrashers fries. Summer vacation is that time when “treats” can easily get out of hand, and I run through any money set aside—and beyond!

I wonder if the same is true with Church as well. As summer slowly starts to fade into fall, I have lost some of the disciplines around money that I maintain the rest of the year. I have to be very careful to write that tithe check immediately when my paycheck comes in, or it will slip away to another summertime “treat.” This fall, the stewardship season is a great time to reflect on your own budgeting practices and what priorities may have slipped in the relaxed days of summer.

But you do not have to wait until October to consider your stewardship. In fact, every week in worship, the Church reminds us of this important work through the Offertory. The Offertory is the time after the peace when our monetary gifts and the gifts of bread and wine are presented by the people. At the 8 AM service, we proclaim, “All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.” In other words, this is the time that we declare through our actions that all the material “stuff” of life is a gift from God—our material wealth, the grain for the bread, the grapes for the wine. We offer it back to God abundantly to demonstrate our deep gratitude and humility for all that God has given us.

In the Sundays approaching October, I invite you to quiet yourself during the Offertory and prayerfully consider your own gratitude. Use the gift of the Offertory to explore whether your giving reflects this gratitude toward God—from whom all things come. You may be surprised how your feelings change about the stewardship season and those silly “treats” that were so consuming just a couple of months before.

Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly

Have You Updated Your Will Lately?

The Christ Church Legacy Society will mark its second year with a celebration on **Saturday, November 12**. Thirty-five current members have made a commitment to Christ Church in their wills or estate plans. Previous donors date as far back as the founding of the Church in the mid-19th century. Today it is easy to join the Legacy Society. Something as basic as a bequest in a will can assist in continuation of church programs and make a difference to generations who follow us. In these unsettled times, we know Christ Church is a source of comfort and strength. Help keep it that way for others by joining the Legacy Society. There is information at www.christchurchde.org/giving/gifts.asp. Also, you may contact the Rector or anyone on the Planned Giving Committee if you have questions.

Ernie Ruppe



Update on the Tract Rack

There is something for everyone at the tract rack by the Church’s entrance, including booklets on Life Issues, Spirituality, Prayer, Episcopal insight, and info for Newcomers. Stop by and pick up the latest issue of *Forward Day by Day*. Check out the new titles, including new Episcopal brochures you can share with friends and family who may want to learn more about Christ Church. Also, this month we are introducing a new booklet, *Lectio Divina, Reading the Bible with Your Heart*, a perfect complement to the 90-Day Bible Prayer Challenge. For questions or special requests, contact Marta Illueca at 897-3520. *Marta Illueca*



Ushers Needed

Families serve as ushers at the 9 AM service beginning in September, while men and women serve on usher teams at 11 AM on Sundays and on special occasions. Ushers greet parishioners, hand out bulletins, assist anyone who needs help, and collect and count the offering. Folks generally serve once every other month, so this is a great opportunity for those seeking a role with a low time commitment. Contact Jane Rubini at jrubini@christchurchde.org or 655-3379 to volunteer. A schedule and instructions are provided.

Letty Downs Musician in Residence

The Musician in Residence program, under which Christ Church has brought many distinguished Anglican musicians to work, teach, and perform in our midst, has been endowed for future generations by the nieces and nephews of Alletta Laird Downs (Letty). Her family has raised over \$225,000 to ensure this important program can continue for future generations.

Letty was a lifelong member of Christ Church and served as Chairman of the Music Committee until her death in 2005. She followed her husband, Robert N. Downs III who succeeded Henry Francis du Pont as Chairman. The Music Program at Christ Church was always dear to her heart, and she worked closely with my predecessor Clarence Snyder—the choir parties at her home during that period remain legendary! Letty was active on the Search Committee when I was appointed Organist/Choirmaster in 1983 and was my champion through the introduction of the “new” Prayer Book and Hymnal. When it became increasingly obvious that Christ Church needed a new organ, Letty took the lead in finding another donor and in helping me select a consultant and builder. She, along with the consultant, Charles Krigbaum from Yale University, and I flew to the West Coast to see and approve the organ while it was under construction. Whenever hospitality was needed, Letty was always there. Whenever I needed a bit of extra financial assistance for any aspect of the music program, Letty was there. When issues and conflicts arose, Letty was there. (“Come over this afternoon, Bill, for a ‘hoot’ and we will sort it out.”)

The Musician in Residence program started rather by accident soon after I arrived at CCCH in 1983. Sir Philip Ledger from King’s College, Cambridge came to visit and see how things were going for me in my new post at Christ Church, and I asked him to rehearse and direct the choir on Sunday morning during his visit. I remember it extremely well because he introduced us all to the Herbert Howells *Collegium Regale* (King’s College) settings of the *Te Deum* and *Jubilate*. The choir and I have been singing this wonderful music ever since, and what a joy it was to have learned it first from the Director of Music at King’s for whom it was written! I realized what a wonderful influence and impact Sir Philip had not only on the choir but on the entire congregation. Several years later we asked Gerre Hancock from St. Thomas Church in New York City to play an organ recital, and I said (you know me always wanting to get our money’s worth!), “Come on, Gerre, as long as you are here, why not take a rehearsal and direct the choir on Sunday morning?” It was very successful, and people seemed to enjoy his influence on music-making in our worship as much or more than the

recital. We began inviting guests to come and play recitals and occasionally to work with the choir. This was not a part of the budget, but, as usual, Letty would see that expenses, hospitality, and an honorarium were provided.

Edward Jefferson (who became Co-Chair of the Music Committee with Letty) met with the Rector, Letty, and me, and we decided to start inviting a major figure in Anglican music to be in residence here and work with the choir each year and perhaps also to play an organ recital or compose some music for us. I was doing this informally, but Jeff insisted we formalize it, name it, and make it an annual publicized event which would be open to not only our parishioners but to the diocese and community. This was, of course, the right decision! And what stellar people we have had working in our midst: Sir David Willcocks (4 visits), Sir Philip Ledger (4), Stephen Cleobury (2), John Rutter (2), Gerre Hancock, Simon Preston (2), Andrew Lumsden, and James O’Donnell. Some have included a premiere (remember Philip Ledger’s *Requiem* he wrote for us two years ago which we are singing again this year for the 9/11 Memorial service?), and others have offered a stellar organ recital (James O’Donnell’s fantastic playing of the Reubke *Sonata*). All of them have worked the socks off the choir (and David and me!), as well as offered the varied seminars, rehearsals, and lectures. Sometime along the way, we added the Saturday morning open rehearsals, which have given people the opportunity to watch and listen to these “masters” work with the choir. This annual event was made possible financially by Letty Downs—a very special gift from her to the choir, congregation, and the greater Wilmington area. As a colleague of mine, Peter Conte (St. Clement’s and the Wanamaker Grand Court in Philadelphia) commented after accompanying for Stephen Cleobury, “Bill, Christ Church and you definitely have a better choir at the end of this week.”

I am thrilled that Letty’s family has decided to endow this program in perpetuity and to name it for my dear friend. This means that one of the most important musical offerings of this Parish will forever be remembered in the same breath as this great lady.

To officially inaugurate this program at Christ Church, we have invited the renowned composer John Rutter to be the 2011-12 Letty Downs Musician in Residence. I am pleased to announce that John will be with us over the weekend of **March 2-4, 2012** and will conduct the music at the Choral Eucharist at 11 AM and Choral Evensong at 5 PM on Sunday, March 4. *William Owen*

From the Rector *(continued from page 1)*

I trust parents will renew their commitment to the baptismal promises they made to help their children grow into the full stature of Christ and register them for age-appropriate enrichment sessions and encourage participation in the St. Nicholas and St. Agnes Choirs or the acolyte ministry.

As the 10:00 AM service concludes, the procession will lead us out to two other excellent incarnations of the beauty and power of God's transforming love. First we will gather at the labyrinth and bless its presence as a new path of Christian devotion at Christ Church. September 11 is the official opening of the labyrinth, and weather permitting, all are welcome to walk the labyrinth thereafter, resting on the new benches for reflection. Then we will celebrate our tradition of the parish picnic, sharing in a feast we have brought for one another, playing games and enjoying conversations as we engage in fellowship. The transforming power of God is love, and that power is revealed in our fellowship and hospitality. Laughter and play, storytelling, and feasting draw us closer. Love unites us and binds us together. I am glad to lead a parish that strives to be an excellent incarnation of God's great love and hope you will join us for all that is and that shall be as we live into our mission.

Ruth Lawson Kirk

Life is short, and we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those
who make this earthly pilgrimage with us.

So, be swift to love, make haste to do kindness...
shower abundant hospitality on friend and stranger,
walk in justice, that you may follow the path of mercy
and love.

And the blessing of God, who comes to us unbidden,
who for our lives was broken,
and in whose Spirit we are guided into wholeness and
holiness of life
be upon you and those whom you love this day, and
forevermore. Amen.

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Christ Church Episcopal Preschool



While the preschool children may still be enjoying the last leisurely days of summer, we are certainly not keeping a leisurely pace here in the preschool rooms. Floors are being refinished or carpeted, carpentry work is being done, new furniture is being assembled, and teachers are planning lessons and activities for their new classes. We are excited about our new Smart Board, and teachers are working to learn how this new piece of technology can support their educational objectives. The general buzz of excitement that always accompanies the opening of a new school year is definitely being felt by all members of the Christ Church family.

As we work on plans for the new year, we always take a look at our mission statement and ask ourselves if we are doing all we can to carry out the stated mission of the school. The CCEP mission statement reads as follows: *Christ Church Episcopal Preschool educates young children, creates community among families, school, and church, and honors and nurtures children in the Episcopal tradition.*

We are definitely **educators**, evidenced by the fact that the teachers are eager to move into their classrooms and begin work on the year's themes and objectives. (Sadly, they must wait until the new carpet is laid!) A curriculum review has been completed by our Curriculum Coordinator, Marina Attix.

We **create community**, certainly among families and the school, and it is our goal to create a closer relationship with the parishioners of Christ Church. Please know that parishioners are always welcome visitors in the school. You may drop in any Thursday morning between 9 and 10 AM for a tour of the school in full operation (or call for an appointment if that time doesn't fit your schedule). You are also welcome to become a reader in our classrooms. The children are always excited about having guests in their rooms. Please call the school office if you'd like to volunteer (472-0021). We **honor and nurture children** in the way that we respect their dignity, teach them positive ways of solving problems, and guide them in making wise choices. The Conscious Discipline method of classroom management that we use focuses on love and helps children to learn what **to do**, rather than what **not to do**. So as we enter our sixth year, we are proud of the work we have done toward fulfilling our mission, but we know that we must continually renew our commitment to upholding its principles. You can help by keeping the school—children, teachers, and Board—in your prayers.

Jo Harney

Children & Youth Ministries

September 18 is the first day of Sunday Morning Children & Youth Enrichment! Children & Youth Enrichment classes meet every Sunday except on the first Sunday of the month, when families worship together. The Nursery is available in Room 104 for infants through 3-year-olds from 8:45 AM to 12:15 PM.

Godly Play at 9 AM

Godly Play takes place at 9 AM for 3-year-olds through those in 2nd grade in Rooms 210, 211, and 213 in the Parish Center. The children encounter the word of God and the rituals of the church in a Montessori-based, multisensory, hands-on approach to Christian formation and education. The children are introduced to and enter into the religious language by hearing the stories of God, wondering and responding to the stories, praying together, and being surrounded by a child-friendly worship setting. The Godly Play classrooms provide a threshold of sacredness, safety, and wonder. The children are encouraged to enter into the presence of God through discovery and play. This is one place where our children's ideas, opinions, and gifts are deeply respected. Not only do our children learn the stories of God, but they also are encouraged to explore their spirituality through prayer and theological reflection. After Godly Play the children go to the Chapel for pickup or stay for Godly Play Enrichment from 10 to 10:50 AM.

Godly Play Enrichment at 10 AM

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

3rd through 6th Grade Enrichment at 10 AM

The 3rd through 6th grade classes meet at 10 AM in Rooms 210 and 212 in the Parish Center and use a lectionary-based curriculum called "Sowing Seeds of Faith"—created by the teachers and staff at Christ Church. Each Sunday morning through discussion, games, and activities, the groups explore the scriptures from the 9 AM service. Please have your child pay close attention during the 9 AM service so that they can share their thoughts with the group.

Youth Ministry Enrichment at 10 AM

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

Godly Play Teacher Trainings

There will be a Godly Play Teacher Training offered at Christ Church on **Saturday, September 10** from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Please contact Lynne Jensen to register. CCCH will host a Godly Play Foundation National Core training on **October 13, 14, 15**.

Acolyte Training

Sunday, September 11 at 12:15 PM in the Church. This training is required for all acolytes.

YAC Class Canoe Trip on the Brandywine

Sunday, September 11 at 2 PM. RSVP as soon as possible on Facebook or to Ranie Good at ranieg123@gmail.com.

Rite-13 Lock-in

Friday, September 16 at 7:30 PM through **Saturday, September 17** at 9 AM. Permission slips will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

J2A Parent/Youth Orientation & Potluck

Sunday, September 18 from 4 to 6:30 PM for the Journey to Adulthood Program (Rite-13, J2A, and YAC) in Parish Halls A and B. Also, there will be a special presentation on the upcoming 2012 Pilgrimage, Dominican Republic Youth Mission Trip, and Junior High Mission Trip. Bring a dish to share! RSVP to Lynne Jensen at 655-3379 or ljensen@christchurchde.org.

J2A Lock-in

Friday, September 23 at 7:30 PM through **Saturday, September 24** at 9 AM. Permission slips will be available the first day of class on September 18.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School was held August 15-19. Forty children played, sang, and explored the stories of Creation, Elijah, Hannah, Jonah, and Jesus' death and resurrection. With a Panda theme to add to the fun, Pandamania was all about God being wild about each of us! Thanks to Lisa White, Lynne Jensen, Kathy Seeman, Nadine DiLorenzo, Ranie Good, Jamie Jones, Barbara Selby, Sophie Streitwieser, Addison Giansiracusa, John Downs, Julian Turner, Meeghan Carter, and Jinni Butz for all their help with VBS this year!

Lynne Jensen

From the Christ Church Register

- Interment of Jean Ellen du Pont Shehan on August 4.
- Interment of Doris Peterson Kane on August 6.
- Baptism of Andrew David Becker and Grant Steve Becker, sons of David and Kristin Becker; Michael Eric Berry, son of Jason Berry and Robin Watts; Mitchell Scott Frizzell; Ian Ford Geracimos, son of Ryan and Eva Geracimos; and Henry Richard Penn Grogan, son of James and Robin Grogan on August 7.
- Marriage of Jessica Elizabeth Jones and John Michael Kauffman on August 13.

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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Green Show 2011



The Christ Church Green Show is celebrating its 58th year of bringing the church community together to raise money to benefit local charities.

The Green Show kicks off with a Preview Party and Silent Auction on **Friday, December 2**. Pantry Shelf, Soups, Gourmet Meals to Go, Wine Corner, and Plants are just a few of the shops open during the Preview Party. The centerpiece of the evening is a fabulous Silent Auction filled with special vacations, tickets to sporting and cultural events, artwork, and other fun donations from parishioners. On **Saturday, December 3** the Green Show is open to the entire community for shopping and a delicious lunch, with a special opportunity for young children to have a photo taken with Santa.

The purpose of the Green Show is to bring parishioners together while working toward a common goal to raise money for those in need. There is no better way to get to know other church members than by working together. Thanks so much to everyone who has volunteered already and for your dedicated service and fellowship as we prepare for this year's Green Show!

One of the goals for this year is to **involve more new parishioners in the Show preparation**—let's all ask someone new to help, even if just on an informal basis. Please let me know the names and contact info for any newcomers so they can be included in the planning process. Also, those of you who have rotated off for this year—could you perhaps recommend someone who could fill your prior position?

Another goal is to **expand our publicity and community outreach efforts**. Sheila Bourgeault and Jackie Taylor have agreed to take on this initiative. Please get back to us with any ideas, resources, and suggestions—especially if you have prior marketing and advertising experience. These might include access to databases, access to specific advertising media, etc.

Still another goal is to **increase and expand the attendance at Saturday's activities**. If all of us make an effort to bring one friend, family member, or

coworker to the Show on Saturday, we will achieve this goal.

I have been sending out an updated spreadsheet with names of those who have confirmed their positions. If you do not see your name on it and want me to know you are definitely going to fill a position, please let me know right away. I will forward a copy of the spreadsheet to you; my email is bemi02@comcast.net. We still need confirmation for our **Saturday Activities**. This important committee is headed by Mary Ingham. Please let us know if you will continue in your positions so we may get our planning under way. We need someone to cover the **Adult Volunteers** position, and Marion Godfrey needs volunteers to help her with the **Crazy Quilt** ticket sales. A volunteer to coordinate and work on **signs, posters, and flyers** and another to help with the **internal communications/secretary** position will be appreciated.

Come find out how you can get involved. Our monthly planning meetings are set for **Tuesdays, September 13, October 11, and November 8** from 6:30 to 9:00 PM in Parish Hall B. Hear what the various Green Show departments are planning for this year, help us come up with new ideas, work on greens, and contribute your handiwork to the Green Show crazy quilt. There are many ways you can help out, even if you only have an hour to spare. Please join us! We look forward to filling the fall with fun and fellowship as we work together toward Green Show weekend.

Beth Duncan

Green Show Crazy Quilt Workshops



Under the leadership of Marion Godfrey, a group of parishioners has begun to make a crazy quilt that will be raffled off at the 2011 Green Show. Men, women, and youth are welcome to help with this creative and fun project. There will be two workshops on **Thursday, September 15** from 10 to 11:30 AM and from 2 to 3:30 PM in Rooms 211/212. Marion will give an embroidery demonstration at her home on **Thursday, September 8** from 7 to 8:30 PM. RSVP to Marion at mariongodfrey@yahoo.com or 658-5151.

Barbara Morgan