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Sunday Services

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

Today I waffled between two themes to write for this November *Communicator* issue—celebrating Thanksgiving or our Ministry Budget. I grabbed Chinese takeout for lunch, and when I opened the cookie, I laughed out loud. The fortune said, “Express yourself: Don’t hold back!” So here I go.

As the Finance Committee and Vestry prepare the budget for 2012, we face a \$223,000 gap between the amount we believe our members will give and our proposed expenses to fund the ministry without any great change in our programs. The gap in 2011 was similar, and the Vestry agreed to close it using contingency funds (surpluses from previous years).

I started thinking about the finances for our ministry budget as a refrigerator. When you are responsible for feeding a family, you shop regularly to stock the fridge with the weekly food supply. Some food you put in the freezer for eating later or for a special occasion. Week in and week out, you buy the groceries and feed the family.

Our refrigerator should be filled by our pledges so that we can meet the costs of feeding the family—of providing a staff, paying the bills, and giving to feed others. Those costs should be paid for by the people who reap the bounty of the weekly meal.

We have a practice of setting aside some resources in the kitchen freezer for us to use later or for a specific occasion. That’s like the contributions we make from the budget to the capital improvements fund and to the pension fund for lay employees. Many years ago we put money in the freezer that still pays for our global mission work in the Dominican Republic. When there is a special reason to contribute, like the labyrinth, people happily buy a few specialty items for the CCCH fridge. In addition, Christ Church has been given a deep freezer well stocked by previous donors or with legacy gifts. The intent of those gifts is to provide for Christ Church in the future.

It costs us about \$2,300 per pledging household to meet the ministry budget. Several families give much more than that. They put 10 bags of groceries in the fridge and take one out for their share of the meal. Rick and I stretch to put about three bags of groceries in the CCCH fridge every year. It’s hard, but it’s worth it because we feel so satisfied to be at the table here, sharing in the bounty of God’s grace with you all.

Our treasurer, Ned Jackson, tells me that 325 pledges are at or below \$1,200 a year. That’s like putting in half a bag of groceries and taking one
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All Saints' Day Service

Join us for a powerful celebration of all saints, known and unknown, on **Tuesday, November 1** at 7:30 PM in the Church for this important holy day. Incense will be used in this service.

A Journey to Jerusalem

Join The Rev. George Karney and our rector for an exploratory meeting as they propose a holy pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2012. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 2** at 7 PM in Room 211/212. Please speak with George or Ruth if you are interested but cannot attend the meeting.

All Saints' Choral Evensong

The Christ Church Choir will sing the service of Evensong for All Saints' Sunday on **November 6** at 4 PM in the Church. The service music will include the *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis* from *St. Paul's Cathedral*, Herbert Howells, and the anthem, *Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Refuge*, Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Learn About Our 2013 Choral Trip to England

Join us after the 4 PM Evensong on **Sunday, November 6** in the Commons Room and learn about this exciting musical and spiritual adventure. Ruth Kirk, Anne Gross, and Bill Owen will lead this biannual pilgrimage to England to hear some of the finest choirs in the world singing Services in some of the great Cathedrals and Collegiate Chapels during the first week of February 2013. We will stay in London for several nights and journey outside of London for three nights. The cost is approximately \$3,000 a person, which includes airfare, hotel, buses, admissions, tours, and many meals. Please contact Anne Tatnall Gross (atgross@udel.edu, 425-0331) for more information. RSVP for the meeting at 655-3379.

Eucharistic Minister and Lector Training

Eucharistic Ministers are licensed for a three-year term and serve the communion chalice in addition to reading lessons and prayers. This ministry is open to anyone 13 or older. Lectors read the appointed scripture passage for the service. This ministry is open to anyone 8 or older. If interested in either ministry, contact Bitsy Robbins (robbinsran@comcast.net, 778-1958) or Jane Rubini (jrubini@christchurchde.org, 655-3379). Training will take place on **Wednesday, November 9** at 7 PM in the Church.

Veterans' Day Service – 11/11/11

In memory of the veterans who gave their lives in service to our country and in honor of those who serve still, we will gather in the Church at 11:00 AM for prayers on Veterans' Day, **Friday, November 11**. Please join us.

Legacy Society Celebration Event

Preparing a will is a serious and time-consuming process, which is all the more reason to celebrate the lives of those who have faithfully remembered our Church through a financial instrument or bequest. Last year, we "rebooted" the Christ Church Legacy Society with a fall event. This year, we plan to continue this new tradition with cocktails and a celebration at the Rectory on **Saturday, November 12** at 6 PM. If you are part of this stewardship program, please plan to join us and RSVP to the Church Office at 655-3379 or rsvp@christchurchde.org by November 4. Questions about the program or the event can be directed to Ruth Kirk or to Ernie Ruppe, Chair of the Planned Giving Committee, at eruppe@verizon.net or (610) 388-0249.

Rosanne Miller

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 24

10 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church

Advent Wreath Workshop



ADVENT Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of the Christ Child at Christmas. One of the traditional ways of preparing is with prayer and lighting a candle on an Advent wreath each evening as your family sits down to dinner. On **Sunday, November 27** from 1:30 to 3:30 PM, an Advent Wreath Workshop will be held in Parish Hall B. Materials for your wreath will be available, and Judy McCabe will demonstrate how to make a wreath from available boxwood. The cost is \$15 per wreath for all materials. If you have boxwood or other greens that you might like to use, bring them, along with pruning shears or scissors. A booklet of Advent prayers, conversation themes for the dinner table, and appropriate readings will be available as well. RSVP to rsvp@christchurchde.org or 655-3379 so that we know how many wreaths are needed. *Sandy Anderson*

13th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Baskets Project & Potluck Supper

Join us on **Sunday, November 20** from 4:30 to 6:30 PM in the Christ Church Parish Hall for this great family event that has a big impact in our community. Getting to know each other while working together on a social action project, we will assemble Thanksgiving baskets to be distributed to those in need and finish by sharing a potluck supper. Join with our friends from Congregation Beth Emeth, Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church, and Immanuel Church.



FOR THE THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Bring your donations to church this month or to the event on November 20. Donations may be dropped off in the collection bins in the back of the Church or in the vestibule of the Parish Center near the circle drive. **ONLY** the following items are needed:

canned corn
canned peas
canned green beans

canned yams
canned cranberry sauce
stuffing mix

instant potato flakes
packaged gravy
dessert mix

(NO glass containers please!)

DON'T BE A CHICKEN! SPONSOR A TURKEY!

Please help us include a coupon for a turkey in each basket we send out. For \$15 (or more!), you can sponsor a turkey for one of the families receiving a basket through this project. Please send cash or a check (made payable to Christ Church; write "turkey" on the memo line) and mail to or leave at the Church Office clearly marked for this purpose. You may also give at www.christchurchde.org/giving/online.asp. **Donations are needed by November 13.**



FOR THE POTLUCK SUPPER

Please bring enough to share: main dish, salad, side dish, or dessert.

Out of respect for the dietary guidelines of our partners, potluck dishes should not contain shellfish, pork products, or combine dairy products with meat.

Sponsored by the Parish Life Committee

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

Dana Robertson, 652-3997

Sign Up for 2012 Foyer Groups



Once again, it's time to sign up for next year's foyer groups! As many of you know, a foyer group is a gathering of six to eight people who meet together to enjoy food and fellowship.

Each member takes a turn hosting a meal with everyone contributing a portion of the meal. Dinners can be at home or out at a favorite dining spot or could be a weekend brunch or lunch. It's all up to the group. Everyone is encouraged to join—all ages and both singles and couples. No special cooking or hosting talents are needed! The new groups will meet from January through November 2012. Many members of the parish have found the foyer groups to be a great way to get to know others and make new friends in our church. This past year, some groups invited one or two other singles or couples to join their next dinner. This allows people to expand their group and have people who are not able to be involved in all of the get-togethers to participate as guests. Fellowship and good food are a hallmark of these groups. Please sign up through the Church Office at rsvp@christchurchde.org or 655-3379. Questions? Contact Cathy Welsh at 654-8174. *Cathy Welsh*

Parish Life Day

There is something for everyone at the Diocese's Parish Life Day, an all-day program of workshops and worship at St. Anne's Episcopal School in Middletown on **Saturday, November 19**. This year's theme is *Tending the Fire Within Through the Arts*. The day begins with continental breakfast at 8:15 AM, followed by a choice of six morning and six afternoon workshops. Lunch is provided, and there is a program offered for children ages 4 to 12 as well. Between sessions, there is time to browse the marketplace and ministry exhibitors, and the day concludes at 3:15 PM after the awarding of door prizes. Some of this year's workshop topics include Poetry Writing, Seasons of the Spirit—Flowers Throughout the Church Year, Simple Appliqué Quilt Squares, and Set Your Heart and Mind Ablaze. The cost is \$15 for adults, and children attend for free. Workshops fill up quickly, so register soon! Brochures with complete details are available in the back of the Church, in the Parish House reception area, and online at <http://www.dioceseofdelaware.org/pld1.html>.



Advent Dove Project

The Outreach Committee invites you to enjoy the true spirit of Christmas giving through our annual Advent Dove project. Each year, over 100 parents and children from St. Michael's School and Nursery, Friendship House, Cathedral Choir School of Delaware, and West Center City Early Learning Center are the grateful recipients of our parishioners' generosity. This year on **Sunday, November 27**, Advent Doves for the same organizations will be handed out after each service. Each Advent Dove will have the recipient's name and age and will list gift ideas in the \$35 or less price range. Please choose ONE item to give to the recipient. The gifts will be collected on Sunday, December 11.

Spiritual Reading and Writing: New Titles at the Tract Rack

Writing for Spiritual Growth is one of my favorite booklets from Forward Movement. Written by Richard H. Schmidt, editor and director of Forward Movement, you can get a good idea of the treasures to be found in this devotional practice. There are a few techniques covered: journaling, writing with scripture, spiritual autobiography, or simply just putting down your thoughts on paper. And while you think of spiritual writing, keep up on your spiritual reading with the latest (November/December) issue of *Forward Day by Day*. The Tract Rack is located on the right wall as you enter the Church, and new titles are placed in the lower rack. For questions or comments, call Marta Illueca at (302) 897-3520. *Marta Illueca*

**Christ Church Christiana Hundred
presents a joyous performance of
George Frideric Handel's
*Messiah***

with orchestra

**Sunday, December 11
3 PM in the Church**

**A donation of at least \$25 per person is requested
to defray the cost of this performance.**

**Please mail checks to Christ Church, P. O. Box 3510,
Wilmington, DE 19807, to secure your reservation.**

Tickets will be held at the door.

Charitable Contributions of Stock and Securities

It will not be news to you that if you own stocks that have grown in value, you may have to pay capital gains tax when you sell those stocks. What's your plan for avoiding those taxes? You may be pleasantly surprised that a gift to Christ Church Christiana Hundred can help you avoid capital gains taxes completely. You will be eligible for a nice income tax deduction in the year a gift is made.

Tax Advantages: Under current tax law, charitable contributions of long-term appreciated securities are deductible at their full current market value up to 30% of your adjusted gross income. Any excess beyond this limit can be carried forward for five years.

Long-Term Capital Gains: Your gift to Christ Church of appreciated securities entitles you to a charitable deduction for their full current market value if you have owned the stock for more than one year. Thus, if securities for which you paid \$500 are now worth \$7,500, you may deduct the higher amount *without* paying the capital gains tax on the appreciation as you would be required to pay if you sold them.

Short-Term Capital Gains: The allowable deduction for a gift of securities you have owned for one year or less is the cost basis of the securities. However, no part of the appreciation is reportable as taxable income (if you were to sell the securities for your own account, any appreciation would be taxable as ordinary income).

Depreciated Securities: If you wish to make a contribution to Christ Church of securities that have declined in value, it is to your advantage to sell them in your own account to establish a tax loss and then make your contribution in cash.

PROCEDURES:

For Securities Held by Bank or Brokerage

Give your gift instructions by telephone to your banker or broker, then follow up by sending a letter to that person (with a copy to Christ Church) stating: This will confirm that in accordance with our telephone conversation, I wish to make an irrevocable gift to Christ Church of 100 shares of XYZ Corporation common stock for and state the specific purpose. Upon receiving from you the copy of this notification, the Church will promptly contact your banker or broker to arrange disposition of the securities. If you prefer, you or your banker or broker may notify Christ Church by telephone or fax (see the information at the end of this article).

For Securities Held by You: By ordinary first class mail, send your certificate without any endorsement, assignment, or other notation to Christ Church, P. O. Box 3510, Wilmington, DE 19807. Enclose a letter stating the purpose of your gift. Then, under separate cover, forward by first class mail a stock power (one for each separate security) endorsed in blank (your signature only, exactly as your name appears on the face of the certificate) along with a copy of the letter mailed with the certificate. Since the certificate becomes negotiable only when joined with the stock power, this method provides both safety and simplicity. Stock power forms are readily available from any bank or brokerage or from Christ Church.

Electronic Deliveries: Christ Church has an account in the Depository Trust Company system ("DTC"), the national clearing house for transfers of securities. All banks and brokers are part of the DTC system, making it possible for securities to be transferred from the donor's account to Christ Church's account almost instantaneously. For routing instructions, please have your banker or broker call the Church Office.

IMPORTANT! Always be sure the Church is notified of the details of any gift transferred through DTC. Otherwise, the securities may arrive in the Church account without any identification and prevent proper crediting and acknowledgment of the gift.

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Please contact Keith Dawson, Business Administrator, at kdawson@christchurchde.org or 655-3379 to let him know securities are coming. Otherwise, stocks will transfer electronically and the Church will not be able to identify who donated them.

Annual Women's Retreat

The Annual Women's Retreat will be held **January 17-19, 2012**. The Rev. Celeste Cox from Christ Church, Dover will provide spiritual direction. If you have never attended, Memorial House in Rehoboth is an excellent setting and offers comfortable accommodations and delicious food. There is time set aside for quiet reflection as well as lively discussions, sharing, spiritual time in the chapel, and social time. Some of the shops are open, and the beach is great for an early morning walk. The cost is \$185 per person and includes five meals and two nights at Memorial House. Contact Ginny Gordon, gingor@aol.com or 654-8582, to RSVP.

A Good and Generous Offering

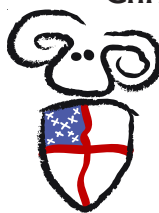
Five years ago as Christ Church entered the transition time between rectors, the lay leaders announced a Capital Campaign. Its purpose was to make repairs and improvements around the campus and to establish an endowment fund as we strive to be good stewards of God's sanctuary and honor the legacy and beauty of our church for the future. Many members made 3- to 5-year pledges to the capital campaign above their annual pledge—an extraordinary gift.

The improvements were largely completed by Easter 2008, and the Buildings and Grounds Committee enacted a new strategy for planning yearly capital maintenance, all funded by the new capital budget—a combination of endowment interest and contributions from the annual ministry budget. And then the market tumbled.

I am very grateful for all our members who have now completed their capital campaign pledges in the face of adverse economic times. We who are responsible for the parish finances also understand how the economy impacted many household incomes and made completing those pledges difficult. Our parish endowment funds shrank by some 30% and continue to rock and roll with the market's fluctuations. Without that campaign, the parish finances would be constrained even more than they currently are. We consider the campaign at an end with the close of 2011. Thank you all for your generosity and your investment in the future of Christ Church Christiana Hundred.

Ruth Lawson Kirk

Christ Church Episcopal Preschool



One of the favorite areas in each preschool classroom is the “dramatic play” area. Here, children can dress up as a firefighter, chef, princess, mail carrier, etc. and can even put on traditional clothing from other cultures. We have African, Korean, and Native American costumes. The children can care for the “babies,” cook a meal, or drive a truck. It is such fun to watch them interact with one another—serving meals, being the mommy or daddy or child, joining together to build a whole town with blocks and then driving the trucks and trains through the streets, and much more.

When the children take on various roles, they are imitating what they've seen adults do. They use the words their parents use when caring for the dolls; they “drive” to the places the family visits; they pretend to eat the meals that are regularly served to them. I am constantly reminded of how careful we need to be with our words and actions, as the children are *always* watching!

This kind of play can go on for hours, if we allow it. We interrupt with other wonderful learning experiences—music class, art activities, learning centers, chapel, outdoor play—but when given the choice, the children rehearse their adult roles. Our teachers serve as excellent role models for the children, and it is encouraging to see the growth our children undergo as the months pass. It is incumbent upon all of us to model the behavior, words, and attitudes that we want the children of our preschool, the parish, and families to exhibit.

If you would like to visit the preschool to watch this imaginative play in action, please call or drop by. Parishioners are always welcome visitors in the preschool.

Jo Harney



Children & Youth Ministries

All Children & Youth Ministry Enrichment groups meet each Sunday except on the first Sunday of the month. Godly Play takes place at 9 AM for 3-year-olds through those in 2nd grade. After Godly Play, the children go to the Chapel for pickup or stay for Godly Play Enrichment from 10 to 10:50 AM. The Nursery is available in Room 104 for infants through 3-year-olds on Sunday mornings from 8:45 AM to 12:15 PM.

Godly Play at 9:00 AM

Godly Play is for 3-year-olds through those in 2nd grade and is held during the 9 AM worship hour in Rooms 210, 211, and 213 in the Education Wing of 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. They 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 in 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 also they are encouraged to explore their spirituality through prayer and theological reflection.

During the month of November, the children will explore the stories of the Old Testament and of entering into Advent. The stories include the Ark and the Temple, the Exile, and Advent 1 for the kindergarten and 1st/2nd grades; Jonah, the Holy Family, and Advent 1 for the 3- and 4-year-olds.

Godly Play Enrichment at 10:00 AM

During Godly Play Enrichment at 10 AM in the Chapel, the children search for God sightings in their lives and all around them, singing and building community through games and activities. Our theme is the Lord's Prayer. Yoga and Spanish activities are also offered. Pickup from Godly Play Enrichment is in the Chapel at 11 AM.

3rd – 6th Grade Enrichment at 10:00 AM

The 3rd through 6th grade classes meet at 10 AM in Rooms 212 and 213 in the Education Wing of the Parish Center and use a lectionary-based curriculum—"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.

In November, the children will explore their talents and gifts, making a Jesse tree and experiencing Christian meditation with The Rev. Russ Bohner.

Youth Ministry Enrichment at 10:00 AM

Youth Ministry Enrichment is offered at 10 AM.

- Rite-13: 7th & 8th grades Room 214
- J2A: 9th & 10th grades Upper Youth Room (J2A)
- YAC: 11th & 12th grades Lower Youth Room (YAC)

Upcoming Events for Children & Youth

- St. Nicholas Celebration – **December 4** at 10 AM
- Rite-13 class Ice Skating party – **December 11**
- Christmas Pageant – **December 18** at 5 PM
- Movie Night – **January 28, 2012** at 6 PM
- Youth and Family Ski Trip – **February 4, 2012**
- Game Night for 3rd-6th graders – **February 11, 2012**

J2A Holy Pilgrimage Preparation

Preparation and discernment has begun for the J2A class Holy Pilgrimage in the summer of 2012. The group will meet on **Sundays, November 6, 13, and December 4** from 6:30 to 8 PM in the Upper Youth Room (J2A). There is a mandatory retreat **December 16-17** here at Christ Church as well.

J2A Pilgrimage Fund-raiser

Come to the Charcoal Pit on Concord Pike on **Tuesday, November 15** between 5 and 8 PM, and 15% of the proceeds will benefit the 2012 Pilgrimage.

Rite-13 Mission Trip

Deposits are due by **December 1** for the Rite-13 Mission Trip to Harrisburg.

Dominican Republic Youth Trip Orientation

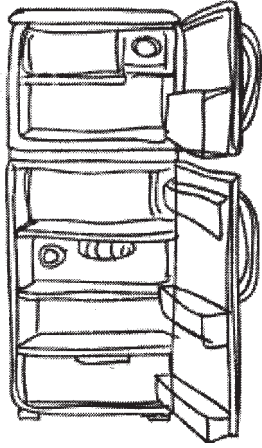
All youth and their parents interested in participating in the Youth Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic from June 16-23, 2012 are invited to an Orientation meeting on **Sunday, December 11** at 1 PM in Parish Hall A. All youth in 11th and 12th grades are invited to participate.

Nightwatch & Urban Adventure

The J2A class will head to New York City on **January 27-28, 2012** for Nightwatch and an Urban Adventure at St. John the Divine. Permission slips and money are due by December 1.

Lynne Jensen

From the Rector *(continued from page 1)*



out, because we all share the same meal—it can't be divided up with some pigging out and some starving. Jesus isn't like that and neither is the church. So the Vestry has been pulling food out of the kitchen freezer (like the contingency fund) to feed the family, all the while hoping that people would give more so that we can avoid taking anything from the deep freezer (the endowment fund's principal).

Ned told me that if those pledging at or less than \$100 a month can increase it to \$158 a month, we won't have a gap next year. Not everyone can afford to do that—some members'

incomes are very limited, and I still want them to be fed their share of the Christ Church meal. But some pledging households used to putting in half a bag (\$1,200) or more can find room in their family budgets to give another bag of groceries so that together we take out what we put in and all are fed.

That's my hope for this November. With Thanksgiving approaching, as we gather around tables spread with bounty, remember the table we gather around as members of one family, the CCCH family. I'm thankful we *have* a church community where all are fed and nourished by the grace of God poured out in our common life of worship, fellowship, learning, and service.

Ruth Lawson Kirk

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Green Show 2011
Preview Party, December 2 – 6 to 9 PM
Green Show, December 3 – 10 AM to 2 PM



The 2011 Green Show is only one month away! Check your mail for your Green Show invitation, and RSVP as soon as possible on the parish website or by mail. You won't want to miss this year's Preview Party, which kicks off the 58th year of raising money for those in need. Invite your friends, neighbors, and coworkers to come on Saturday to see our Parish Center transformed into a Christmas wonderland full of sparkle, amazing treasures to buy, delicious homemade food, and plenty of fresh greens to decorate your home for the holidays.

Won't your consider donating just an hour of your time at the Preview Party or Green Show? If you're there already, you can be of service to your fellow attendees and help make the event a smooth success. **Volunteers are needed** at the Admissions table, checkout in departments such as Soups and Inside Greens, the Saturday café lunch, and more. We also need set-up and decorating help in the week leading up to the event. If you'd like to be a part of the magic that is Green Show, contact Beth Duncan at (484) 842-1044 or bemi02@comcast.net.

All your favorite departments will be open for your shopping pleasure:

Preview Party Night * Silent Auction * Wine Corner * Good Works Gifts
Pantry Shelf * Frozen Soups * Gourmet Freezer * Baked Delights
Blessed Bling * Christmas Spirit * Crazy Quilt * Sew Much Joy
Inside Greens * Outside Greens * Plants * Christmas Trees

And do check out the wares of our vendors:

Ceramics by Paula Camenzind * Handbags by Susan Distell
Jewelry by Anna Biggs * Whimsical Woodcarvings by Rob Briscoe
Silk Scarves by Diane Keesee * Kirk Custom Furniture by Rick Kirk
“Found” Antiques by Meredith Graves * Painted Threads by Pam Horstmann
Kinloch Woodworking by Doug Mooberry * Unusual Plants by Bob Sloan
the ever-popular Sara's Country Chocolates, and more!

Your generosity is appreciated! The 2010 Green Show raised \$89,000, and *all* the proceeds were allocated through the Outreach Committee to an impressive number of organizations in our community. Last year's beneficiaries included:

AIDS Delaware; Brady Kohn Foundation; Brandywine Pastoral Institute; Camp Arrowhead; Cancer Support Community Delaware; Cathedral Choir School of Delaware; Christina Cultural Arts Center; Connecting Generations; ContactLifeline; Delaware Adolescent Program, Inc.; Delaware Futures; Delaware Guidance Services for Children and Youth; First State School Program; Friendship House; Garage Youth Center; Habitat for Humanity; Interfaith Community Housing of Delaware; Kuumba Academy Charter School; La Comunidad Hispana; Latin American Community Center; Limen House; Literacy Volunteers Serving Adults; Pathways to Wholeness; Practice Without Pressure; Prestige Academy Charter School; Reading ASSIST Institute; Rodney Street Tennis and Tutoring Association; St. Michael's School & Nursery; Serviam Girls Academy; Short-Term Emergency Housing Ministry (STEHM); Sunday Breakfast Mission; Survivors of Abuse in Recovery; Trinity Alcohol and Drug Program; Trustees of Color; UrbanPromise; West Center City Early Learning Center; Wilmington Senior Center; YWCA Delaware

With your support this year, we look forward to helping our community agencies once again. See you at the Green Show!

*Beth Duncan (Chair); Linda Boyden (Plants); Robby Chabalco (Sales);
Anne Gross and Louisa Bartlett (Vendors); Mary Ingham (Saturday Activities);
Nan Jackson and Lee Kallos (Silent Auction); Lee Kallos (Food); Joe Stoeckle (Preview Party)*



Here's How You Can Help with Green Show 2011

BAKED DELIGHTS: We have added a speciality baked goods shop to the Green Show this year...now we are looking for those of you who love to bake! Some popular bake shop items are cookies, brownies, cupcakes, pies, breads, muffins, and cakes. (No items that need refrigeration please.) All baked goods must be labeled, and please note if the item is for a restricted diet, e.g., “contains no sugar,” “gluten-free,” or “contains nuts.” We are planning to package the items for sale, so cookies can be brought on a paper plate or in a plastic bag and other items in disposable packaging. Drop off your creations during the day on **Thursday, December 1 and Friday, December 2** in the Parish Center. For questions or suggestions about what to make, contact Susan Snead (655-9595, susansnead@aol.com).

BOXWOOD CLIPPING: The Boxwood Committee cuts and collects boxwood for our Green Show arrangements. Gather with other Christ Church parishioners on **Sunday, November 27** at 12 noon to pick boxwood. No experience is necessary; just bring your gloves and clippers. Contact Jeff James (656-1695, jeffreyajames@comcast.net) to sign up to help and get driving directions to the collection sites.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT: Like-new Christmas decorations, glassware, picture frames, and special children's toys are a few examples of the items found in our Christmas Spirit shop. We request that items be in excellent condition please. Bring donations to the Green Show closet in the reception area of the Parish House. Questions? Contact Sandy VanWormer (425-4155) or Judy Downing (425-5366).

CHRISTMAS TREES: This year's Green Show will offer Christmas trees in various sizes from 6 1/2 to over 10 feet tall. Parishioners who wish to have a tree larger than 9 feet should pre-order one. Contact Mike Kinnard (610-388-6422, mbkinnard@yahoo.com) with the size tree you'd like, along with your contact information.

CRAZY QUILT: This year's quilt up for raffle is a versatile lap quilt sewn mostly by hand in the traditional crazy quilt style. It's made of many different sorts of fabrics, different textures and colors, different shapes and sizes, and hand-embroidered by a number of our creative parishioners. It's very bright and could be hung on a wall, put on top of a guest bed, or used to snuggle on a couch. Chances are being sold for \$5 each or 5 for \$20 by Marty Rushlow. They can be purchased at Coffee Hour on **Sunday, November 6** or at the Green Show Preview Party or the Green Show on **Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3**. If you would like to purchase chances but cannot buy them at these times, contact Marty (654-8629, mrush11246@verizon.net). She'll happily help you make arrangements to do so.

GOURMET FREEZER: The Gourmet Freezer Committee prepares delicious homemade entrees, appetizers, and the ever-famous Sin-Amen buns at their Wednesday morning workshops. Many hands are needed for chopping, stirring, rolling, etc., so join them on **Wednesdays, October 26 through November 16** at 9 AM in the Parish Center Kitchen. Questions? Contact Beth Faulkner (764-6494, sixfaulks@mac.com) or Louise Barton (656-7727, louisebarton@gmail.com).

INSIDE GREENS: Wreaths, topiaries, and boxwood trees are the staples of Inside Greens. New for 2011: 12" preserved boxwood topiaries, sold decorated or natural. We encourage you to pre-order this year—see enclosed order form or pick one up from the Church Narthex or Parish Center.

Your contribution of pinecones, evergreen magnolia, dried hydrangea, and unusual greens is appreciated for use in our arrangements. Questions? Contact Leslie Kelly (562-2357, leslie.kelly.aia@verizon.net).

OUTSIDE GREENS: Outside Greens provides a wide variety of freshly cut Christmas greens and wreaths for holiday decoration. Parishioners generously donate magnolia, red and yellow berried holly, boxwood, nandina, mahonia, winterberry, spruce, cedar, cypress, fir, hemlock, and pine. If you have branches and cutting to offer or would like to help the team cut, collect, or sell greens, please contact Tomoko Werbe (610-324-2326, tswerbe@gmail.com) or Laurel Riegel (661-2330, laurel1226@aol.com).

PANTRY SHELF: Last call for Pantry Shelf canning! Our last canning session will take place on **Sunday, November 13** when we will make applesauce and blend spice mixes. Join us in the Parish Center Kitchen after Coffee Hour or Christian Enrichment, starting at 11:30 AM. No experience required, and folks of all ages are invited to help. Let Maryann Younger (234-8229, mady@youngers.org) or Chuck Durgin (652-4033, chuckdurgin@gmail.com) know if you plan to join in the fun.



PREVIEW PARTY FOOD & SERVERS: The Green Show Preview Party Committee is seeking donations of food and hors d'oeuvres for the event scheduled on Friday, December 2. We need six roasted turkeys and three cooked spiral-cut hams, which must be delivered to the Parish Center Kitchen by prep night, **Thursday evening, December 1**. We are also seeking pre-assembled canapés—tea sandwiches, cheese plates, veggie trays, etc. These can be dropped off any time on **Friday, December 2**. If you haven't got time to cook or shop for food to donate, please consider making a cash donation to help defray the cost of the party food.

We are also looking for servers, young and older to serve hors d'oeuvres and beverage servers to work shifts during the party. Please let us know in advance what you can donate to the success of the Preview Party. Contact any member of our committee (Al and Valerie Mascitti, Wes and Jamie Jones, Reeve Draper, Kris Younger, Fred Moran, Jenny Simonton, Joe and Janice Stoeckle, Ken Hilk, Tom and Kyra Marcin, Bitsy Robbins). For more information or questions, contact Valerie Mascitti (239-2624, vhelmbreck@gmail.com) or Wes and Jamie Jones (239-6081, jccwj@comcast.net). Many thanks for your help and contributions. We look forward to seeing you at the party!

SEW MUCH JOY (new!): Along with the Crazy Quilt on display at the Green Show, there will also be an assortment of hand- and machine-sewn items to buy outright. We will sell fabric gift bags of different sizes that can be recycled year after year for gift giving use. Also, there will be colorful potholders in several shapes and styles.

Two Sewing Workshops are scheduled for **Friday morning, November 11** and **Thursday afternoon and/or evening, November 17**. If you or someone else you know would like to participate in a mostly machine sewing workshop to make the above and/or other items you might have in mind, please contact Marion Godfrey (658-5151, mariongodfrey@yahoo.com) or Barbara Morgan (475-2827, bamor2@verizon.net) at least three days before the scheduled workshop. After we know how many people want to sew for the Green Show, we'll let you know the exact time and place. The material for these items is being donated, so you need only bring your skills!

SOUPS: Would you like to cook for the Green Show, but you can't attend a weekday morning workshop? The Green Show Soup Committee is looking for home chefs willing to put their talents to work to prepare and freeze one of our proven and easy recipes to be sold at this year's Green Show. New this year: a vegetarian recipe! We are also calling for volunteers to help with sales on December 2 or 3. Please contact Jeanie McCuskey (658-6583, jmccuskey@gmail.com) or Jinni Butz (373-4300, jinni.butz@gmail.com).

WINE CORNER: The Wine Corner accepts donations of wine and related gifts to be auctioned at the Preview Party. Whether you are seeking a bottle to serve at your holiday table, to give as a gift, or to add to your cellar, you are sure to find something to please. If you would like to contribute but are not confident about what to choose, we can provide a list of suggested vintages to fit your budget (just email jennocarmar@aol.com). Donating wine is an easy way to be part of the parish's holiday tradition, and we welcome accessibly-priced selections.

The Wine Corner Committee invites you to patronize the merchants who have generously donated to the Green Show in the past: *Frank's Union Wine Mart*, *Kreston's Wine and Spirits*, *Premier Liquors*, and *Wilmington Wine Company*. Please label your donations with your name and drop them off in the Green Show closet in the reception area of the Parish House, no later than **Monday, November 28**. Questions? Call Chip and Jennifer O'Connor (777-1908) or Barry and Kendall Ritz at (484-732-8322).

November is Silent Auction Donation Month!

We need your donation **NOW** so that we can process and publicize it before the Preview Party on **Friday, December 2**. Read through the options below and contact the coordinator. Or fill out our donation form at: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dDYzbjdHaVN4bnRMZFJlRVRoZ0VacHc6MA>. So pick up the phone or fire up your computer and **make your donation today!** Questions? Contact Nan Jackson (610-388-1082, nednanjackson@verizon.net) or Lee Kallos (658-5866, lmkallos@aol.com).

Adventures – Lu Johnston

What can you share for a unique experience or fun adventure? Are you a bird watcher, hunter, or a history buff with a passion for an historical park in the area? A woodworker or artist who would share your shop or studio with a parishioner to make a special project? Contact Lu at 658-8115 or ajohns5308@aol.com.

Art – Lynn Winkler

If you are an artist, know an artist, or want to make room for a new painting, please consider a gift of art to the Green Show! Contact Lynn at 658-1701 or lynn.winkler@comcast.net.

Evenings Out – Susan Nickel

Next time you are eating at your favorite restaurant, see if they will donate a dinner for two. Do you have season tickets to the theatre in Wilmington or Philly? Give us your tickets for a night you can't go. Contact Susan at 235-2591 or nickelhouse@verizon.net.

Getaways – Van Downing

Do you have a beach cottage, mountain retreat, ski condo, lake house, vacation timeshare, or island getaway? Please consider a donation for a long weekend or week on any terms you may choose. Contact Van at 656-1281 or vanderlynd@gmail.com.

Gifts for Children – Kendall Massett and Cynthia Chubb

We are looking for donations of new books, games, toys, or the most wanted electronic gift of the season. Other ideas include tickets to the children's museum or theatre, a themed birthday party, craft, or cooking project for a group of kids. Contact Kendall at 798-0807 or kendallays@yahoo.com or Cynthia at (610) 388-0287 or cynthiachubb@hotmail.com.

Gourmet to Go – Rosanne Miller

What's your specialty in the kitchen? Ribs? Cakes? Pies? Soups? Hors d'oeuvres for 10? Consider making a donation to the Green Show of that special something for a date in 2012. Or how about a specialty food basket? Contact Rosanne Miller at 429-5898 or rosannemiller@comcast.net.

Parties – Beth Faulkner, Mary Hunt, and Scott Poole

Parties are events donated by individuals or a group of parishioners. Last year we had wonderful offerings including a Normandy Dinner, Summer BBQ, an English Tea, and a Kentucky Derby Party. How about hosting a Valentine's Day Party? A Superbowl Party? A grownup Halloween Party or other themed event? Or do you have a specialty cuisine that you love to cook? Recruit some friends and make a donation to the Green Show! Contact Beth at 764-6494 or sixfaulks@mac.com, Mary at (610) 692-6698 or maryh850@comcast.net, or Scott at 426-1191 or trailrunner29@verizon.net.

Services – Diane Mateson

Services are personal grooming, home services, silver polishing, tree pruning, painting—anything that someone does so you don't have to! Next time you get your hair cut, have a massage, or get someone to cut your grass, consider asking for a donation. Contact Diane at (610) 388-9391 or dmateson@msn.com.

Sports – Margaret Higgs and Alice Ivy

Bidding wars can break out over sports memorabilia and tickets to the Eagles, Phillies, Flyers, Sixers, Blue Hens, Philadelphia Union, and Blue Rocks. Donate your tickets and let us make cash out of them for Outreach! If you have a corporate connection, ask if they will give their tickets to our cause. Do you have an autographed item that might be a big seller? If you're a golfer, how about a round of golf for four at your favorite club? Contact Margaret at (610) 793-1328 or hggmj7@gmail.com or Alice at 656-9320 or theivys@aol.com.

MESSAGE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: Check your calendars before you come to the Green Show to see what dates you are free for a game, a vacation rental, or show you may bid on!

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**Christ Church 58th Annual Green Show
INSIDE GREENS ORDER FORM**

All pre-orders are DUE by November 30

Please pick up pre-orders by Friday, December 2, at 4 PM.

Name _____

Preferred Phone _____

E-mail _____

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DECORATED*</u>	<u>UNDECORATED</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
24" Wreath	\$65	N/A		
30" Wreath	\$85	N/A		
34" Wreath	\$105	N/A		
38" Wreath	\$125	N/A		
22" Boxwood Topiary	\$90	\$50		
18" Boxwood Wreath	\$75	\$35		
26" Mixed Green Swag	\$50	N/A		
<i>Grand Total</i>	~~~	~~~		

***Decorated Style – Please select a style for your decorated wreath:**

- ___ Natural fresh mixed greens, pods, pinecones & bow
- ___ Old Williamsburg dried/fresh fruit, dried flowers, magnolia leaves & bow
- ___ Glitzy colored balls, tree ornaments, glittered items
- ___ Themed e.g., Santa/Children/Pets/Angels

Make checks payable to Christ Church Green Show – Inside Greens.

Forms may be dropped off to the reception area of the Parish House or emailed to: sandrakjames@comcast.net.