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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

Advent is our approach to the great festival of Christmas. The Church year is a combination of two theological cycles, one grounded in Incarnation and the other grounded in Redemption. Advent is the season of preparation for the cycle of Incarnation, focusing on the mystery of the Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us. Advent's four Sundays and the days between get us ready for the twelve days of Christmas, the feast of Epiphany, and the baptism of Jesus. Madeleine L'Engle calls it "the glorious impossible" that God would stoop to earth and fill us with the blessing of holy presence, ending our alienation by joining the human journey in Jesus Christ.

As you prepare for Christmas, I encourage you to consider the purpose of your holiday plans. Don't divide Christmas into sacred and secular. Rather, let the mystery of God becoming flesh imbue the secular and repurpose social gatherings and customs to make holy the coming holidays.

For example, make Santa Claus St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children. The bishop of Myra had particular care for the poor, giving secret gifts to bless their lives and bring them joy. With that mind-set, let Green Show be a St. Nicholas moment as you embody God's love for the recipients of the agencies we support. Be the office's secret St. Nick and find ways to give co-workers tokens that subtly share God's present mercy. Speak with children about why Santa Claus comes to visit our homes. Teach them to give joy in surprising ways as an example of God's love born for us in Jesus. As Advent begins, take time to review your holiday plans, imagining how each element communicates the mystery of God's indwelling presence. Attend those events at Christ Church that fill you up with the blessing of the Incarnation, like our Advent Quiet Day, the Christ Church Choir performance of *Messiah*, the concert by the Jesus College Choir, our children's pageant, and our caroling fellowship to the homebound.

Keep the mystery of Christmas for the whole of the season this year by leaving up your decorations. Let the wise men travel a little closer to your crèche each day until they reach the manger on January 6. If you have not been to Lessons & Carols, come January 2 at 11 AM. Plan to celebrate Epiphany on Thursday, January 6 in worship and the festive potluck that follows. Above all, invite someone to worship with you through Christmastide.

Our former presiding bishop, Frank Griswold writes, "It is very easy for us to be overwhelmed by the demands and urgencies of the day and to lose sight of the fact that God is present in all that the day contains. God is profoundly present in the mystery of time, as season gives way to season and we are shaped by the daily occurrences of our lives. It is our truest work to collaborate with what the Holy Spirit working in us, day by day, is trying to bring about."

*Ruth Lawson Kirk*



## The 57th Annual Green Show

The Green Show is **Friday, December 3** from 6 to 9 PM and **Saturday, December 4** from 10 AM to 2 PM. Come see Christ Church transformed into a shopper's delight. Let this special tradition get you ready for the holiday with fresh greens, flowers, hand-decorated wreaths, Christmas trees, homemade frozen meals, soups, canned goods, confections, and other gifts for family and friends. Christmas is a time of giving. Your purchases at the Green Show will make it possible for Outreach to assist over 30 community agencies, and you will be inspired by the joy and fellowship which glow and sparkle throughout the weekend. We can't wait to see you!

*Allison Brokaw*

## Christmas Memorial Donations

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

## Advent Quiet Day

At no time in the Church calendar is our identity as Christians in a secular world more counter-cultural than during Advent. While we overfill our calendars with buying gifts, decorating homes, and planning events and meals for family and guests, the Church tells us that we are to slow down and quietly, prayerfully anticipate the birth of the Christ Child. Advent Quiet Day at Christ Church offers you stillness for thoughtful reflection. Providing meditations to lead us into times of quiet will be The Very Rev. Ian Markham, Ph.D., Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary. You will have time during the morning to reflect through directed reading, meditation, use of a labyrinth, or prayer. All are welcome on **Saturday, December 11** from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the Chapel. RSVP at [rsvp@christchurchde.org](mailto:rsvp@christchurchde.org) or 655-3379.

## Advent Doves to be Returned

Last month, Advent Doves were distributed to benefit those in need in the community. Gifts should be wrapped according to the instructions on the Doves and returned to church by **Sunday, December 12**. Thanks to your generosity, families in need will once again be able to enjoy a blessed Christmas.



## Handel's Messiah

Christ Church presents a joyous performance of Handel's complete *Messiah*, with orchestra, on **Sunday, December 12** at 3 PM in the Church. A donation of at least \$25 per person is requested to defray the cost of this performance. Please make checks payable to Christ Church and mail to P. O. Box 3510, Wilmington, DE 19807 to secure your reservation. You may also pay online at [www.christchurchde.org/giving/online.asp](http://www.christchurchde.org/giving/online.asp). Tickets will be held at the door.

## Jesus is Coming!

The combined Choirs of Jesus College of the University of Cambridge, England embark on their first concert tour to the United States, with a stop here at Christ Church on **Monday, December 13** for a 7 PM concert. Jesus College was founded in 1496 and is distinctive in maintaining two choirs: the Chapel Choir, made up of boy choristers and adult male singers and the College Choir, a mixed choir of men and women. Mark Williams has been their Director of Music since 2009. You won't want to miss this performance!

## Christmas Caroling Party



Join us as we bring the joy of the Christmas Season to members of our parish who cannot easily get out to celebrate. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 5 PM on **Tuesday, December 21** to make Christmas cards. Pizza will be served at 5:15, and the bus will leave for our evening of caroling around 6:15 PM. We will visit several members of our parish and should return to the church by 9 PM. Carolers of all ages are welcome, but please make a reservation so we can have plenty of pizza—655-3379 or [rsvp@christchurchde.org](mailto:rsvp@christchurchde.org).

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## Christmas Worship

### Christmas Eve

2:00 PM Holy Eucharist/Crèche service  
4:00 PM Holy Eucharist  
6:00 PM Holy Eucharist  
10:00 PM Choral Eucharist

### Christmas Day

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

### First Sunday after Christmas

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with carols  
11:00 AM Coffee Hour  
(bring your leftover Christmas cookies!)

### Second Sunday after Christmas

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
11:00 AM Lessons & Carols



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## Food Bank Collection

Christ Church will collect non-perishable food items for the Food Bank of Delaware during the second half of December. According to the Food Bank, 241,000 Delawareans depend on emergency food assistance. Please help make sure the shelves are not empty this winter by donating items such as *canned fruits, vegetables, soups, meats and/or fish; dried beans, pasta, and cereals; peanut butter; fruit cups and applesauce; shelf-stable milk; and holiday foods such as stuffing mixes, cranberry sauce, instant potatoes, and packaged gravy.* Thank you! *Kyra Marcini*

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## Eucharist & Potluck Fiesta on the Epiphany

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Celebrate Epiphany with a special worship service in the Church and a potluck fiesta in the Parish Hall on **Thursday, January 6** at 6 PM. The Epiphany is a major Feast in the church year, celebrating the arrival of the wise men in Bethlehem. In many cultures worldwide, and especially in Latino cultures—like the Dominican Republic—the Feast of the Epiphany is a bigger celebration than Christmas, marked by large fiestas, exchanging gifts, and fireworks. Our fiesta will include great food, a piñata, and a special collection for Jalonga. All alumni of the Dominican Republic trips are encouraged to come and celebrate!

## Upcoming Baptismal Service

Holy Baptism will be celebrated on **Sunday, January 9** at the 9 AM service. A preparation meeting for parents and godparents will be held on Saturday, January 8 at 10 AM in the Church. Contact Jane Rubini at [jrubini@christchurchde.org](mailto:jrubini@christchurchde.org) or 655-3379 to take part in this service.

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## Annual Women's Retreat

The Women's Retreat—**January 18-20**—will be here before you know it, and we are delighted to have The Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly lead our retreat this year! We have planned an agenda that includes time for study, prayer, music, quiet, and reflection. Great meals, social time, shopping, and beach walking will not be forgotten either. The cost is \$175 and includes five meals and two nights of lodging, including linens. Please make your check payable to Christ Church, marked "Women's Retreat," and mail it to Ginny Gordon, 11 Gale Lane, Wilmington, DE 19807 by January 8. Because of the Memorial House cancellation policy, we will not be able to refund your payment after January 10. Please confirm your reservation with Marty Rushlow at [mrush11246@verizon.net](mailto:mrush11246@verizon.net) or 654-8629. Directions, the schedule, and a list of attendees will be sent out in early January. Hoping to hear from you soon!  
*Marty Rushlow*

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## Foyer Group Sign-ups Extended

Oops! You forgot to sign up for a foyer group! Well, there's still time. We've extended the time period to accommodate as many parishioners as possible in this fun event. Signing up for a foyer group is like giving yourself a Christmas present, for when you do, you get Fellowship, Outreach, and Yummy, Entertaining Repasts. This is a great way to get to know people at Christ Church in an informal setting. 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 2011. Please sign up through the Church Office at [rsvp@christchurchde.org](mailto:rsvp@christchurchde.org) or 655-3379. **If you are currently in a foyer group and want to participate next year, you must sign up again for a new group!**  
*Cathy Welsh*

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## Meals on Wheels for Epiphany House



Beginning in January, Christ Church will be responsible for providing dinner to six delightful women at Epiphany House at 722 N. Union Street on the second Tuesday of each month. We will bring a simple dinner to share with the women, and we need only one or two volunteers for each meal. Anyone interested in helping with this gesture of hospitality is asked to contact Joe Stoeckle at [jkstoeckle@aol.com](mailto:jkstoeckle@aol.com) or 737-7401.

*Joe Stoeckle*

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## Squirrel Run Cottage Rental

Squirrel Run Cottage is located at the foot of our parking lot, is part of Christ Church's 22-acre property, and is being offered for a one-year period. The house contains three bedrooms and two and a half baths; an additional room is suitable as an office, den, or extra bedroom. For more information, please contact Keith Dawson in the Church Office at 655-3379 or [kdawson@christchurchde.org](mailto:kdawson@christchurchde.org).

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## Attention All Crafters



The Altar Guild has a supply of "used" beeswax candles in assorted sizes and is looking for a crafter, church, chapel, or organization who could use them. If you know of anyone who could use these candles, please contact Mary Henderer (475-6347) or Gina Pike (658-8583).

*Mary Henderer*

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## From the Prayer Ministry

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
*Amen.*

## Adult Christian Enrichment – A Journey of Faith

The Christ Church community has been blessed with wonderful opportunities this summer and fall to read and study the Bible. The 90-Day Bible Challenge served as a launching pad for a number of educational events designed to raise our appreciation of the rich messages contained in the Bible. Our clergy do not disappoint in this regard, and they have provided a run of Sunday morning seminars that have been enlightening, inspiring, rousing, and quite a blessing.

We opened our program year with a lecture and workshop from Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson, renowned New Testament scholar, who invited us to "learn Jesus" through studying Jesus' message, approaching God through faith, and interacting with each other in community. Russ followed up on Dr. Johnson's message in a session entitled *Jesus: Dead or Alive*. To proclaim that Jesus is Lord is the foundation of our faith, and Russ reminded us that Jesus is as radically present to each of us in this time and place. In a session on the *Revelation to John*, Russ cut through all the apocalyptic metaphor to uncover that if we stay faithful to God, the Kingdom of God can become real here among us. In a session on *Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians*, Ruth explained how Paul lays out what it means to love one another. And in another session on the New Testament, Russ gave us a powerful image to summarize the lessons of the *Letter of James*. Using an image of a burning building, Russ encapsulated James' message that we must understand our neighbor as someone we love, not someone with whom we compete. Jennifer offered a session on *Ecclesiastes* and the message of Torah taken as a whole. She described *Ecclesiastes* as a good book to go to when you are frustrated, and she provided insight into Torah, which provides little separation between our call to worship God and our call to promote justice for the widow, orphan, and stranger.

The Adult Christian Enrichment Committee invites you to continue on this journey of faith and discovery as we continue to parse out the messages that God has for us and the depth of the call to follow Jesus.

*Catherine Lombardozzi*

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## Thanks from the Clothing Bank!

On behalf of Friendship House Clothing Bank of Delaware, thank you for your generous donation of clothing for children of all ages. By the time all the donations were collected, we had approximately 1,200 pounds of children's clothes to distribute in the community. Fantastic! Thank you for answering our plea and organizing this special drive. It is only through the generosity and thoughtfulness of people like you that we are able to provide services to the less fortunate in our community.

*Linda Harrison*



## The Christ Church Labyrinth

In ancient times, every journey was difficult and daunting. We are reminded of this especially during Advent, as we remember the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem and the magi following the star and then returning home by other, hidden routes. In our modern world, it has become commonplace for us to jump in a car or step onto an airplane and make a journey of a thousand miles almost without a second thought. Many benefits come from freedom of movement, but we also lose an important aspect of travel when the transition from *here* to *there* is so effortless and brief. A great reward of travel is found in the journey itself.

The labyrinth was used as the central symbol to describe Christ Church's search for a Rector in 2007, and you are probably aware that a group of Christ Church parishioners has been working with Ruth for the past year or so with the hope of installing a labyrinth on the church grounds. If you have been intrigued or puzzled by the purpose of a labyrinth, think about the idea of a journey as suggested above and realize that each of us at Christ Church is on a journey of faith. We attend worship services, we seek to help others in our community, and we study scripture and pray as we do our best to follow God's will in our lives.

For at least a thousand years, Christians have incorporated the walking of a labyrinth into their faith practice. In times when travel was difficult and dangerous, many people walked the labyrinth as an alternative to undertaking a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Great cathedrals in Europe—and smaller churches as well—provided labyrinths for this purpose.

Moving along the winding path to the center and then out again into the world can be very helpful in prayer and meditation. In fact, walking with intention into and out of the labyrinth is often experienced as a physical act of prayer. The Christ Church labyrinth arises from this tradition and will be used by our parishioners and visitors as a way to deepen their own life of prayer and worship.

Thus far, the project group has interviewed representatives of a dozen churches and other institutions with labyrinths in our area (visiting and walking several of these), worked with groups including Worship, Pastoral Care, and the Preschool to build their interest in including the labyrinth in their activities, chosen a site on the lawn just beyond the Memorial Garden, reviewed material samples provided by a firm that designs and installs labyrinths, and prepared a preliminary budget.

A portable canvas labyrinth will be available in Parish Hall B on Friday evening, December 10, again during the Advent Quiet Day on Saturday, December 11, and between the 11 AM service and the 3 PM Messiah on Sunday, December 12 for anyone interested in experiencing a labyrinth walk firsthand.

We are moving through this project "step by step" and feel ourselves being led by the Spirit. There is much still to be done, and we welcome the involvement of any member of the Christ Church community who would like to join us. Our upcoming meetings will be posted in the Sunday bulletin, or please feel free to contact any of us directly: Mark Attix, Linda Boyden, Steve Boyden, Betsy Field, Jim Graham, Gina Pike, Joan Sharp, and Ruth Kirk.  
*Steve Boyden*

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## Vestry Highlights from October and November

- The Vestry reviewed the document "A Covenant for Safeguarding God's People," prepared by Russ Bohner. Several revisions were suggested by members. At the November meeting, the amended document was accepted and adopted as parish policy.
- Bryan Keenan of the Finance Committee reviewed third quarter 2010 financial reports and presented the 2011 parish budget to the Vestry at the November meeting. After discussion, the budget was accepted and adopted.
- The Vestry appointed Dana Robertson to fill the unexpired vestry term of Judy Sargent, who resigned.
- Chuck Durgin was elected as parish delegate to the 2011 Diocesan Convention, with Rich Tucker as alternate.
- The 2011 Buildings & Grounds Capital Expense Budget was presented and reviewed. Linda Boyden reviewed proposed master plan projects for 2011 which include: refurbishment of the Commons Room (deferred from 2010); upgrade and extension in the Rectory of the Youth Annex; new water heater for the Parish House; replacement of our audio system for the hearing impaired; replacement of the parish phone system; and phasing in of a new landscape biodiversity plan. Also reviewed were proposed special projects including the labyrinth and new plaque and signage for the Memorial Garden.  
*Dana Robertson*

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## Let's Recap

**Pilgrimage Dinner:** In October, the J2A group who went on pilgrimage this past summer, shared their story with pictures, mementos from their trip, and a presentation which included the youth sharing of their experiences. More than 100 people gathered in the Parish Hall and enjoyed a wonderful Italian dinner made by the pilgrimage group. Thanks to everyone who supported the pilgrims this summer! It was a life-changing trip!

**Christ Church Hayride:** The Christ Church Hayride gathered two wagons full of preschool and parish families on a near perfect evening for a fun hayride, followed by hot dogs and s'mores cooked over an open fire. There was lots of hay everywhere and a lot of marshmallows consumed! Thanks to Rufus Miller for organizing this fun night!

**Trunk 'n Treat:** Trunk 'n Treat was so much fun this year! There were over 90 adults and families from both the parish and preschool who gathered together for a potluck supper, Trunk 'n Treat, and an All Hallows' Eve service at dusk. The trunks were very creative this year. Not only did we have scary spiders, ghosts, and goblins but also a Toy Story, a Mystery Machine, and a game trunk. There were lots of creative costumes too, including a cookie, pirates, wild animals, Scooby Doo, Woody and Buzz Lightyear, butterflies, superheroes, and lots of princesses. Thanks to Kendall Massett for all her hard work! *Lynne Jensen*

**All Saints':** All Saints' celebrations are always joyous occasions for the Church, and this year was no exception. All Saints' Day fell on Monday, November 1. Evening Feast Day services are wonderful occasions because they allow us to come together in a unique way. In the cool of fall, with the sunlight long gone, we enter into the church with our minds in a different place than on a typical Sabbath day. Then, as the incense and beautiful music call us into worship, we find a sacred holy space that reminds us of our Sunday identity during the week.

The All Saints' festivities continued on All Saints' Sunday, November 7. We hosted The Rev. John Martin, former Rector of Christ Church, as our preacher. Each of the services enjoyed increased attendance for this holy day. At the 9 AM service, we had six baptisms, and so many worshipers that many people were standing throughout the service. The excitement of the day was akin to the energy of a Christmas Eve service. What a gift from the Holy Spirit!  
*Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly*

**Thanksgiving Baskets Project:** Thank you to all who participated in our Thanksgiving Baskets Project this year! Because of your generous contributions of cash, canned goods, and time, we exceeded our goal of 175 food bags by filling 200 bags, which were then distributed to area agencies for those in need.

*Dana Robertson*

**Study, Sup & Serve:** About six weeks ago, I received an invitation from Jennifer to join a study group called Study, Sup & Serve. This group sparked my interest because of its short duration and the opportunity to serve the women at Epiphany House at the end of the study. The initiative seemed like a reasonable commitment of time to fit into my already busy schedule. It entailed reading a book called *The Prison Angel*, gathering with the group of women once a week to discuss the reading assignment, and then, as a final activity, planning and preparing a meal for the women at Epiphany House.

The weekly discussions with the group were engaging and stimulating. It was interesting to hear how one story or example resonated with each group member. There were also personal stories or encounters that each person shared as we studied the book. The dinner at Epiphany House was relaxed and casual. The women were very appreciative and gracious for the meal and conversation. They were interested in learning a little about us and very willing to share their excitement and anxiety about their recovery journey. As I drove home, I thought about the courage and commitment the women at Epiphany House made to themselves. Many of them want to stay "clean" so that they can reunite with their children and repair family relationships. Many have to balance their time with work, support groups, and classes to complete their high school credentials so they can find a better paying job to become more independent.

As I reflect back on the last six weeks, I can earnestly say that the Study, Sup & Serve experience exceeded my expectations in many ways. It enabled me to: connect with women I had not met at Christ Church; appreciate the unassuming commitment to outreach by each group member; reflect and be thankful for my Christian upbringing and role model parents; understand the bravery displayed by the women at Epiphany House; witness the gratifying impact Marcy and her team make every day to help transform so many women in their recovery journey. I found the Study, Sup & Serve uplifting and felt truly blessed to have been a part of the recovery and spiritual growth of the women at Epiphany House. I highly recommend this type of study group to everyone.  
*Rachel Macha*

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## Children & Youth Ministries

### Confirmation

Confirmation will be part of the J2A class for 8th and 9th grades and part of the YAC class for 10th, 11th, and 12th grades on Sunday mornings at 10 AM. In addition to the Sunday morning program, there will be a required confirmation retreat April 1-3, 2011 at Camp Arrowhead. Confirmation will be on **Sunday, June 12** at 11 AM. Questions? Contact Lynne Jensen at 655-3379 or [ljensen@christchurchde.org](mailto:ljensen@christchurchde.org). **Please let Lynne know if you would like to be confirmed.**

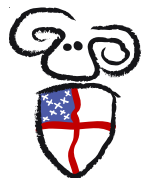
### Mark Your Calendars!

- **December 5** – St. Nicholas Celebration at 10 AM
- **December 10-11** – J2A Lock-in at 7 PM
- **December 19** – Christmas Pageant at 5 PM, followed by a potluck supper
- **December 26, January 2, January 9** – no Children & Youth Enrichment
- **January 29** – Movie Night (*Toy Story 3* and *How to Train a Dragon*) at 6:30 PM
- **February 13** – Kids' Music Experience with Pete Moses at 4 PM



### News from the Youth

- The Rite-13 group went to Seasons Pizza for lunch.
- The J2A group went to Five Guys for lunch.
- YAC made and sold mac & cheese as a fund-raiser for Haiti and the Dominican Republic.
- The senior acolytes were recognized for their service and given their crosses.



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### Christ Church Episcopal Preschool

I love to watch the children at play on the playground beneath my office window. It is always a treat to see the inventive play, interactions among the children, and their enjoyment of the unstructured time. This week I happened to look out while the Cherub class was playing and saw one of their teachers running from one end of the terrace to the other with three children following her, squealing and giggling with glee. When the teacher turned around and led them back the length of the terrace, three more children joined in. Through their laughter, they shouted, "Again!" By the time the running group had repeated the lap, all the Cherubs had joined the parade. It was such a simple activity, but I marveled at the sheer joy of it. The students had been fully engaged with their teacher, enjoying the interactions with their friends, developing large motor skills, learning repetition and patterns, and having loads of fun. I had witnessed a magic moment, and I knew that moments like these were happening in all our classes, as they do every day.

*Jo Harney*

### St. Nicholas Celebration

Join us on **Sunday, December 5** for a St. Nicholas Celebration at 10 AM in Parish Hall A. Cookie decorating, storytelling, and a special visitor will be part of this new tradition at Christ Church.

### The St. Agnes Choir

Our new youth choir will meet in the Chapel on **December 5** from 4 to 5 PM and on **December 19** from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. The choir is open to girls in 6th through 12th grades. Contact Bill Owen or Lynne Jensen at 655-3379 if interested.

### Dominican Republic Mission Trip Meeting

The Youth Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic is scheduled for June 18-25, 2011. It is open to all current 9th through 12th graders. A **mandatory** orientation and information session outlining the requirements for the trip will be held on **Sunday, December 12** at 1 PM in Parish Hall A.

### Episcopal Youth Event

Every three years, the Episcopal Church gathers Episcopal youth from all over the world for a week of fun, worship, fellowship, and service. This year, EYE will gather in Minnesota. A delegation from the Diocese of Delaware will depart by bus on June 21 and return on June 28. The last couple of days will include a service project. The event is for current 9th through 12th graders. This is an opportunity to meet Episcopal youth from all over the world, and there is plenty of time for games and fun. The worship is amazing! There will be some preparation before the trip to get ready and to meet and get to know the rest of the Delaware delegation. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lynne Jensen.

*Lynne Jensen*

## From the Christ Church Register

- Marriage of Jennifer Leigh Fynes and Robert Christopher Jarrell on October 10.
- Marriage of Meghan Dorothy Tuohy and James McGill Walls on October 16.
- Burial Office for Philip Goodenow Rust, Jr. on November 3.
- Burial Office for Louise Porter McQuesten on November 5.
- Baptism of Oliver Stephen Butz, son of Daniel and Jinni Butz; Joseph Bradley Dietz, son of Stephen and Mary Ellen Dietz; Natalie Lauren Geracimos, daughter of Darin and Nicole Geracimos; Luke William Johnson, son of Andrew and Allison Johnson; Colin James Mayo, son of Andrew and Kelly Mayo; Keegan Thomas Warrick, son of Jack and Kristin Warrick on November 7.
- Burial Office for William Charles Gordon on November 11.

## The Blessing of Marriage

Give thanks to God for newlyweds! Stephanie Stieler and Christopher Chabalko were wed October 23 in Annapolis, Maryland. Haley Hilliard and Scott Dettra were wed November 13 in Abilene, Texas.

## Editor's Note

Please address your suggestions and comments on the *Communicator* to: [slawtonfasic@christchurchde.org](mailto: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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Each year Christ Church presents a traditional Christmas pageant enabling children 3 and older to enter into the joyous celebration of Christ's birth. Preparations for this year's Christmas Pageant on **Sunday, December 19** have begun! Your family won't want to miss it.

**Rehearsal:** We will have **one dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 18**. The cast will assemble at 8:30 AM for costume fittings. Rehearsal is from 9 to 10:30 AM.

**CASTING:** We have no limit on the number of sheep, angels, shepherds, and townspeople. Costumes are available on a first come, first served basis. If we do not have enough costumes or if they are too big, we may ask parents to help make a simple costume or attend to adjustments.

**NOTES:** We ask that photographs be taken either during the dress rehearsal or after the finale of the Pageant. If your child sings in the St. Nicholas Choir, he/she will be singing at both the rehearsal and Pageant and, therefore, should not take on other roles.

**White Gifts:** The Pageant includes the collection of small toys and books wrapped in white paper (including the age and gender on the gift) which are distributed to local outreach agencies.

The general guidelines for Pageant roles are as follows:

Cherubs	3- and 4-year-olds
Sheep	3- and 4-year-olds
Townspeople	5-, 6-, and 7-year-olds
Shepherds	8 years and older
Angels	8 years and older

**Other roles:** Readers, Joseph, Mary, Gabriel, the kings, pages, and Baby Jesus are determined by the characteristics required for the part and the sizes of the costumes.

**Saturday, December 18**  
 8:30 AM Costume fittings for all  
 9 to 10:30 AM Dress rehearsal for everyone in the cast

**Sunday, December 19**  
 4:15 PM Pageant cast arrives  
 5:00 PM Pageant begins  
 Potluck supper immediately follows the Pageant in Parish Hall B

Questions? Contact Sandy Durgin, Director, at 652-4033 or [scdurgin@comcast.net](mailto:scdurgin@comcast.net).

## 2010 Christ Church Christmas Pageant – December 19

*Please return to the Church Office by December 13.*



\_\_\_\_\_ would like to be in the Pageant as a \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ would like to be in the Pageant as a \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help with the Pageant this year.

## Stewardship 2011

THANK YOU! As of November 19, we have received 448 pledges, totaling \$1,037,505. 46 new households made a pledge, and 145 increased their pledge from 2010. If your name isn't listed below, we have not yet heard from you about your plans for 2011 or we may not have your information correctly recorded. Please contact Mike Sayer in the Church Office, 655-3379 or [msayer@christchurchde.org](mailto:msayer@christchurchde.org). We are Christ's Church in Ministry and grateful for all the gifts for God's service.

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~FAITH LIVING STILL~

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