



TIDINGS

The Newsletter of Christ Church – St. Michael's Parish (Episcopal)

December 2009

Seasons Greetings & Other Confusions: *Celebrating Advent While Preparing for Christmas*

If the season of Advent were a person, it would most definitely suffer from an inferiority complex from living in the shadow of its better known sibling Christmas. Advent simply doesn't make the cut in our broader society. Advent, from the Latin *adventus*, means coming, and refers to the coming of Christ, which we celebrate on Christmas Day. Like Lent, Advent is a season of preparation as we prepare our hearts and minds for celebrating the first coming of Jesus. Our worship service, or liturgy, during Advent carries the theme of expectation; we are awaiting something spectacular to occur at Christmas. That spectacular moment is what we experience when we celebrate the birth of the infant Jesus on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Ideally, that is when we put away the somber old Advent hymns and break out the Christmas carols as we begin celebrating the Christmas season, which ends on the Epiphany on January 6th. Perhaps, holding off on the Christmas carols until December 25th is too much to ask. Nevertheless, maybe each of us can endeavor to hold onto the spirit of Christmas well after the presents have been opened. Regardless of what our neighbors may be doing or not doing, we may want to continue holding onto the infant Christ throughout the "twelve days of Christmas" and beyond. So, as you've heard us remark in the past, "slow down for Advent" and then rejoice heartily during Christmas!

Seasonal Services for Advent & Christmas

Sunday, December 6th

The Second Sunday of Advent

Advent Lessons & Carols at 5PM

Sunday, December 20th

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Children's Pageant at 10:15AM

Thursday, December 24th

The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord

Family Christmas Eucharist with

Children's Sermon at 4PM

Christmas Eucharist at 6PM

Choral Prelude at 10:30PM

Festal Christmas Eucharist with

Choir at 11PM

Friday, December 25th

The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eucharist at 11AM

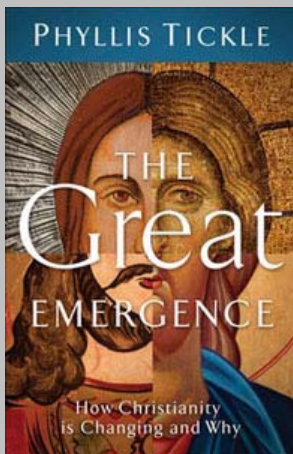
Sunday, December 27th

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

N.B. Combined Service: Christmas

Lessons & Carols at 9:30AM

The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why by Phyllis Tickle



This January during the Sunday morning Adult Forum we will be examining Phyllis Tickle's book *The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why*. This three-part series is in advance of our annual Diocesan Convention where Phyllis Tickle will be our guest presenter on Saturday, February 27th at the Hyatt in Cambridge. All parishioners are welcome to attend this portion of the convention. Copies of the book may be ordered from Harrison Street Books in Easton.

Monthly Evensong "Advent Lessons & Carols" Sunday, December 6th at 5PM

As we prepare to welcome the Christ child on Christmas Day, set aside an hour of your busy holiday schedule to reflect upon the meaning of the season by joining the Chancel Choir, Music Director and clergy for this lovely, contemplative service.

*Sparkling water and sherry are served
following the service.*

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Weekly service schedule:

Morning Prayer – 9AM Mondays through Fridays

Holy Eucharist (Londonderry) – 1:30PM 1st and 3rd Thursdays

Sunday Services: 8AM & 10:15AM

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December Days

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

This is the first verse of one of our beautiful Christmas hymns taken from Christina Rossetti’s well-known poem. Every time I sing it, a particular image of a desolate wind-swept wilderness forms in my mind. Then, as the hymn continues, the icy scene in my head melts as each following verse offers a glimpse of the warmth and light promised in the Christ child whose birth we celebrate in the midst of the darkest days of winter. Of course, these images and the reality of dating Jesus’ birth to December 25th are not necessarily historically accurate but it is all part of our understanding of Christmas. The weather is cold and the days are short and we busy ourselves with the necessary preparations for the holidays. There is cleaning, shopping, cooking, welcoming and praying to do and with varying degrees of enthusiasm and energy we tackle it all.



This is a time we like to associate with feeling open and grateful. We give gifts and offer good wishes and take special time to think of those less fortunate than us. We smile and laugh and enjoy party food that we avoid at all other times of the year. Somehow we make time to connect with friends who seem so distant during other months. We are moved to remember and rejoice and reach out.

For many of us this is a crazily joyous time. For some, it is a difficult and lonely time. Having lost loved ones in recent months, feeling estranged from family and friends, struggling with a job loss or relationship breakdown or even being overwhelmed by too much “celebrating” are all realities that can make these December days hard. The consumer world tells us to have fun and spend money. The message is relentless and can be tiring for anyone and especially hard for some. The church offers some respite but even here the message of peace and the promise of hope might feel like distant concepts possible only for others. But, the good news is that here we can celebrate joys and also find relief from the challenges of our lives.

We approach the festival of Christmas through the season of Advent. In this time of waiting, God calls us to slow down and prepare. Whether this time of year is easy or difficult for you, I hope you find that the simpler liturgies offer you some space to reflect and perhaps you will consider joining me on December 2nd for a quiet morning in the church. Also, remember that your clergy and Stephen Ministers are always available for confidential conversation and support.

It is a blessing to mark these holy weeks with the community of Christ Church as together we watch and wait and bring to the celebration all that we are.

The final verse of that hymn reads:

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what can I give him—give my heart.

— Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt



The Unexpected High Passes and Hard Hits

It was a high pass, arching towards me and tipped off the fingertips of the intended receiver. At the exact moment the ball reached my outstretched hands I felt a pain in my right side as an opposing player collided into me carrying us both into touch. Getting to my feet and shaking off the pain, I thought about how unexpected the hit had been. I had not seen the player in my field of vision until I felt the impact. I was surprised—caught off guard. It was an atypical experience on the rugby pitch, yet one that resonates with a key Advent theme.

While most of us spend Advent preparing for celebrating Christmas—the arrival of the infant Jesus—also known as the first coming, Advent’s parallel focus is on preparing for the Second Coming, or the return of the Risen Christ. This theme is found in our Gospel reading from Luke for the First Sunday of Advent:

Be on guard so that your hearts may not be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap...Be alert at all times... —Luke 21.

Advent, Latin *adventus*, “coming” was first celebrated in the fourth century as a time of fasting, prayer and meditation leading up to Christmas, which is also a fourth century religious feast day. Now, of course, Advent must compete with Christmas parties and shopping, nevertheless, we still hear readings on the first Sunday of Advent that stress judgment, preparation, and being ready at all times for Christ’s return. As we move through Advent the readings begin to point to the first coming, Jesus’ birth—a much more comfortable theme for most Episcopalians who prefer adequate advance notice for any major event in our lives. As such, the admonition to “keep awake for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming” may be unnerving for many of us. It is so much easier to prepare for Christmas. We know what we are getting ourselves into—namely, church, presents and food.

I too enjoy the annual celebration of Christmas and like my neighbors, our Christmas tree seems to go up earlier and earlier each year. One reason for this may be that Christmas is the only time during the year when we unpack our collection of electric model trains. Concentric circles of track ring the base of our Christmas tree and compete for space with presents. There’s the Polar Express, the Hogwarts Express, a circa 1940s C&O “Yellow Belly” and a 1930s Pacific pulling the B&O Capital Limited. My children and I may spend hours running the trains beneath the tree before they are packed up again when the tree is removed on the Twelfth day of Christmas.

These are wonderful, comfortable and comforting moments and memories. Yet, I know in my heart that there is more to Advent than decorations, trees, cards, parties, and electric trains. December is a time for internal preparation as well. It is a time for discerning what are my values, how am I living my life, and what message am I sending my children? It is a time to live out my vocation as a Christian by being prepared for whatever God may bring my way. We do not know when it may come or what we will be doing, but it will arrive just the same. So, enjoy the season, but be prepared...

— Mark Nestlehutt

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to Our Fall Rummage Sale Team! – Judy Sandground

We did it again! Yes, our Fall Rummage Sale was a success. We had many donations to offer shoppers at very low price, and we had a lot of shoppers who truly needed those items at the very low prices. We had tons of volunteers who donated their time and energy and good will so that the load was lessened on each of us. We made new friends and strengthened bonds with those we knew, in the way you do when you are working together for a good cause. By the end of the sale, we netted \$8,432. All of this will be given to charities ECW has voted to fund.

Thank you to all who brought your donations. It is quite a job to collect and save clothing and household items and to bring them to the sale. We appreciate your efforts and recognize that without your gifts we could not have a sale.

To the fifty-three of you who came to volunteer, thank you very much! Without your help, we could not have a successful sale. You know who you are but I'd like everyone in our congregation to know the special people who give unselfishly of their time – once or twice a year – to this effort. So, thank you to Lynn Barrett, Nancy Besso, Helen Box, Johanna Breuer, Karen Burger, Carol Carlson, Bill Chederville, Jackie Chederville, Lee D'Zmura, Helen Dettbarn, Lisa Felts, Leo Foulds, Lynn Freeburger, Joan Frey, Dawn Ganss, Barbara Goetz, Jinny Haring, Joanna Holden, Pat Holmes, Betty Hurford, Susan Hutton, Bud Keiser, Ginny MacLeod, Linda Makosky, Pat Martin, Mary Lou McAllister, Jim McCloud, Jim Montague, Linda Montague, Tricia Moore, Gene Moro, Martha Nelson, Linda Norris, Jackie Novak, Linn Ong, Karen Orem, Peg Orem, Lisa Pierson, Liz Quick, Althea Randolph, Bill Randolph, Joan Schneider, Diane Shaw, George Short, Jennie Short, Elizabeth Simoncini, Nancy Sipe, Nancy Strausberg, Jim Vail, Susan Vail, Robert Vaughan, Sheila Vaughan and Lillian Watts. Well done! By the way, of these fifty-three volunteers, nine believe in our cause so strongly that they volunteer even though they are not members of Christ Church! (I used the sign in sheet to compile this list so if I missed your name, thank you and please forgive me.)

Please mark your calendars for the spring sale starting the week of April 12.

Shepherds and Sheep . . . Angels and Wise Men – Don't Miss the Pageant!

Our annual Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 20th during the 10:15AM service. All children are welcome to participate (visiting grandchildren, cousins and friends included!) and adults are invited to lend a hand. Preparations will take place on Sunday mornings in December. Following the service, Cider in the Hall will be a particularly special celebration!

For more information please speak with Lee Thomas.

Baptisms, Weddings, Transferred In/Out, Funerals

Baptism: Grayson Todd Eisenhower

Funeral: Erle E. Ukkelberg

MORE PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Along the Journey – Eugenie Drayton

Journeys are not always smooth and such is the journey of the contemplative prayer offering. But, God is patient and persistent and knowing that encouragement will not end, I would like to again reschedule the Introduction to Contemplative Prayer offering.

In case you haven't saved the past three Tidings, I offer this consolidated description. Contemplative prayer will transform your experience of being in God's presence. There are many different styles of contemplative prayer and this "course" will introduce you to six forms that will serve as a framework to prepare you for your time with God.

So what is contemplative prayer about? Well, it's quiet time within a framework, some more structured than others, that facilitates our ability to be more present and receptive to God's direction. It's a time where we break away from our usual drivenness to just "be" instead of "do". While the frameworks that we will practice will be helpful in preparing us for this time with God, there's no right way to do it; it can be modified, simplified and tweaked; and is one of those natural gifts we are all blessed with. The hardest part of this practice is getting started, just like anything "new" in life.

Our class will meet on Sunday afternoons from 1PM – 3PM. starting January 10th and finishing February 21st (which also happens to be Lent 1) with two exceptions. On the 10th, we will meet until 4PM so that we can discuss the logistics, get to know each other a bit and experience a shortened sampling of the succeeding six sessions. On February 7th we will start at 3PM and end just before Evensong.

So who am I and why am I leading this offering? I've been at Christ Church almost a year and sing in the choir. In my former life in Montana, I was the Episcopal College Chaplain to Montana State University as a lay person. Last fall I entered the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation's "Leading Contemplative Group Prayer and Retreats" program and leading this introduction to contemplative prayer is something I feel God has called me to share with Christ Church.

If you have questions, please feel free to call me (410-443-3970) or email: eugenied67@gmail.com. I would appreciate knowing who will be attending by Wednesday, January 6th to ensure that everyone will have materials available to them- refreshments too!

Angel Tree – Carol Carlson



An angel tree will once again be part of the Christ Church Advent season tradition.

Angels with all pertinent information to guide your gift selection will be on the tree located in Christ Church. Before you leave the church, please be sure your name is on the chart next to the number of your angel. ***Please wrap your gift with the angel on top of the package*** and return it (if possible) by Sunday, December 6th, either to the tree or to the church volunteer office. The gifts will be presented to the children at a party on December 14th. For more information contact Carol and Oscar Carlson (410-770-9591), or Di and Ab Kingman (410-820-0418)

Remember the Care Circle!

As you may know, Christ Church has an active Care Circle made up of people who happily volunteer to offer tangible support to those in need through providing transportation and meals.

If you or someone you know could benefit from the ministry of the Care Circle please contact Joan Zwemer (410-745-9599) or the parish office (410-745-9076). We are always eager to help in any way that we can and can only do so when we are made aware of a need. Also, if you wish to join the Care Circle team, please speak with Joan or Abigail.

GROUP & CLUB NEWS



Attention All Women of Christ Church – Shelia Vaughan

Join us in celebration with women of all the St. Michaels' churches at our 2nd annual interfaith lunch on Tuesday, December 8th, in Etherton Hall. Wine and juice will be served at 11:30AM, lunch at 12Noon, and then we will all proceed to the Church at 1PM for the performance of the Easton High School Choir under the direction of Chris Noyes.

The Christmas Bazaar is here! Santa, Peg E. Orem, will lead the elves on Saturday, December 12th from 9AM – 12Noon. As you know, the Bazaar chairs need your help in preparation including Saturday, to make this year's Bazaar successful. Please contact them to offer your time and talents.

Country Store: Barbara Smith and Anne Keiser
 Greens: Nancy Sipe, Louise Woods and Lynn Freeburger
 Treasures: Lillian Watts, Ginny MacLeod, Pat Holmes
 Bake Table: Pat Martin and Elizabeth Simoncini
 Raffle: Karen Burger, Alice Utterback and Helen Dettbarn.
 Coffee and Doughnuts (Men's Club): Leo Foulds
 Posters: Jessie Weddle and Nancy Hunter
 Publicity: Judy Sandground
 Wreaths on the Church and Hall: Donated by Ed and Nancy Sipe

Congratulations to Jessie Weddle who was honored at the second annual Diocesan Thanksgiving Service and Reception for Women's Ministry held at Christ Church, Cambridge, in November. We are very proud of you, Jessie!

A special thank you to Lynn Freeburger for her November presentation on the Asbury Green cemetery restoration project in Bozman. Lynn increased our awareness about the condition of the cemetery and the need for involvement.

Docent's Guild – Linda Makosky

On Saturday, November 14th, the Docent's Guild held its Fall Meeting. Eighteen members were present and shared in a lively discussion. Continuing as executive board were Joan Frey-Chair, Carol Kilbourn-Treasurer, and Linda Makosky-Secretary. After four years of service, Faye Shannahan and Sue Kilmon retired from their roles as Schedulers and were warmly thanked with a round of applause. Members were asked to seriously consider volunteering as Scheduler at the spring meeting. A team of two is very efficient for this job.

Chairman Frey had spent many hours tallying the signatures in the Guest Book and announced that from May through October we had just over 1,800 visitors. Twenty-four of these were from foreign countries, including France, Germany, Switzerland, New Zealand, Australia, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, Chile, England, Ireland, Poland, China, Costa Rica, Czech Republic and Borneo.

Although docents will not be on duty in the church during the winter months, new volunteers are always welcome. The time commitment is light; only two hours one afternoon a month, on a day of your choosing, from May through October. For more information, call Lillian Watts (410-745-9999).

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



From the Lea Library – Robert Barrett

The idea of a new, different, updated Christianity is the subject of countless discussions and numerous books, eight of which are available for circulation in our library.

They include discussion of what Jim Wallis noted first as the “Rise of Christian Conscience” and more recently as “The Great Awakening.” Brian McLaren comes away with the conviction that “Everything Must Change,” and what he thinks results in a “Generous Orthodoxy.” Phyllis Tickle writes an introduction to what she calls “The Great Emergence” in a well-written book of that title.

Far from being radical departures, what seems to be emerging is a new emphasis on Jesus’ own priorities for humankind which center on love of God, love of neighbor and righteous stewardship of the environment, in contrast to the current fundamentalist and evangelical emphasis on the primacy of the individual, the blessings of wealth, and preoccupation with political issues.

These eight books are on display on the shelf to the right as you enter the library.

Stephen Ministry at Christ Church

The Gospel According to Matthew offers us that lovely invitation: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

Those words have given people in all sorts of circumstances a bit of much needed relief from stress. We all go through times in our life when we could benefit from a little extra care and attention and the promise of rest. Sometimes the holiday season is particularly challenging. Our Stephen Ministers have been trained to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are going through a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists.

If you would like to find out more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone you know (possibly a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative) talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: Tom Mendenhall, Lesley Moyer, Jessie Weddle, Joan Zwemer or Abigail Crozier Nestlehut. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.

Seeking “A Few Good Men” for Stephen Ministry

Christ Church has 16 active Stephen Ministers (14 women and 2 men) who have served 29 care receivers since 2006. In order to better serve our community we need to train additional men to be Stephen Ministers. If you have a caring heart and are open to learning more about Stephen Ministry, speak with Abigail or contact Tom Mendenhall (410-745-6864) or tmend1031@verizon.net.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CONTINUED



Christian Formation for Children and Youth – Lee Thomas

In late October, the Rite-13 youth gathered for an “afternoon at the movies” with the Pink Panther. ☺ It was a small gathering, but there were lots of laughs and plenty of popcorn. Reverend Mary Garner enjoyed time in the classroom showing the younger children how we are like pumpkins – God scoops out all of our sins and then God’s light shines through us. We had extra volunteers to help, and although the space got a little gooey, each child went home with an original masterpiece in time for All Hallows Eve.

In early November, the younger children created a ‘bell banner’ in honor of All Saints Day, and carried it during the processional anthem for the 10:15AM service. The Rite-13 youth enjoyed a glorious afternoon in St Michaels in search of ‘geo-cache’ treasures in various locations around town. Later in the month, in a commitment to community, the Rite -13 youth met to fill Thanksgiving baskets for families in our area who are less fortunate. Then everyone was invited to participate in the annual Advent Wreath workshop held on November 29th, to mark the First Sunday of Advent.

In December, we’ll be busy with preparations for our annual Christmas pageant. Happily, with the help of some talented folks after last year’s pageant, the costumes are ready and the enthusiasm is building. This event is always a highlight and this year we hope to be blessed with a very special baby Jesus!



The Adult Christian Formation Group – Doris Fink

Christ Church’s Adult Forum meets on Sunday mornings in Etherton Hall. We look forward to having you join us each week. Following is our December schedule.

December 6 "Jesus, Yesterday, Today and Forever: Part II"

December 13 "Jesus, Yesterday, Today and Forever: Part III"

December 20 "Christmas Pageant"

December 27 No Forum: On Christmas Recess

Coffee Hour at the parish house begins at 9AM. The Forum presentations begin promptly at 9:15AM and conclude by 9:58AM. We'd love to have you join us and feel free to bring a friend as well. Everyone is welcome! We invite all adults to experience these unique Adult Forum sessions.

REACHING OUT



Christ Church Habitat Project Team – John Hunnicutt

Faith community organizing a public outreach for the homebuilding effort

In anticipation of breaking ground early in the New Year for the construction of an affordable, environmentally designed home in St. Michaels, the Christ Church Habitat team is preparing for the launch of a public outreach campaign with its partner churches to generate community wide support and participation in the project. Building a volunteer structure and soliciting financial support are the two immediate priorities.

Each of the local churches that are partners in the “St. Michaels Build” is organizing members to join the Christ Church team in the community effort. Thus far, over 50 of our parishioners have volunteered to join in the project. More Christ Church parishioners are urged to become part of the project! It will likely take over 4000 volunteer hours to get the job done.

An initial highlight of the planned “kick off” will be the announcement of important contributions to the project by the Christ Church Men’s Group and ECW. Seeking individual donors from members of all the local churches and throughout the St. Michaels community will be the key aspect of the outreach campaign.

Habitat Choptank has a contract for the lot on Brooks Lane for the home, and pending completion of local and county permitting procedures, it will go to settlement in the next 30 to 60 days. Ground breaking is projected for January 2010. Weather and unforeseen events permitting, the house should be ready for occupancy before the end of next year.

Children's Home Foundation – Nance Dupont & Diane Shaw

Thank you to all who donated to the **Children's Home Foundation's** Annual Thanksgiving Appeal in November. Dominique Sturgis, our Nursery Director, and Chanelle Lake both offered sincere thanks for their scholarships to Chesapeake College and Anne Arundel Community College. They both graduated from St. Michaels High School and hope to remain in the area when they have completed their degrees in nursing and social work. **CHF** is pleased to present these two young local women as successful scholarship recipients and "soon to be" college graduates.

It is never too late to make a contribution to our scholarship fund. Simply make out a check to Christ Church, place **Children's Home Foundation** in the memo line, and deliver it to Carol in the parish office.

Thank you for your generosity.

MORE REACHING OUT



Talbot Interfaith Shelter (TIS) Prepares for Another Season – Pamela McCloud

The TIS Board members have spent the past warm weather months preparing for another winter of service to the homeless. Our primary concern was to find a central location with a sprinkler system that could accommodate up to 10 guests. While the average nightly number was less than this, 10 were the number that we could have housed on many nights last year if there had been space. Instead, we had to support a family of four for a lengthy period in a local motel at an acceptable cost. For many reasons this goal has proved elusive, and as of this writing, unless something last minute occurs, we will continue with the congregation-based model and its limit of 5 guests.

Our secondary concern was expanding the number of faith-based communities involved with an emphasis on centering operations in the Easton area. Our parish hall was used last year, but as we know, that came with many logistical difficulties for us and for our guests. This year, assuming we don't locate a central facility, all hosting congregations will be in Easton. In this case, we will be asking our Christ Church volunteers to partner with one of these congregations. This will be slightly more inconvenient for many of us but will make for greater overall efficiencies. At this point, it is likely we will be called upon in either late January or late February and early March.

We are also working to raise funds to support this year's activities, including covering the extra costs of renting a central space for 3 ½ months. While we have not yet met our goal, we are well on the way as a result of contributions from participating congregations, fund raising events, grant applications and donations from individuals. This will continue as an ongoing effort.

Another focus of our Board has been to review our operations of last year and identify ways of being even more efficient and effective. In addition to seeking a central location, we have also looked at the possibility of hiring one overnight supervisor to assist our overnight volunteer, as this proved to be a very difficult slot for all congregations to fill. We are moving ahead with this and hope to have a person or persons in time for our start-up.

Finally, we have revised our Volunteer Handbook, reviewed policies and procedures and made minor changes where necessary. In addition, we have initiated a relationship with a new organization, Chesapeake Voyagers, to link our guests with daytime resources that we cannot provide, and to assist them in their transition to a more stable life situation.

So, what is TIS asking of you? First, of course, is to prepare to volunteer your time as you so generously did last year. Second, consider a donation to our efforts and third, keep this important mission in your prayers. I will be contacting all our "old" volunteers and soliciting new ones as dates and locations are firmed up. I know we can count on your support as we move forward. The shelter is scheduled to open on December 13 at the Temple, which will be hosting our guests for the first 3-4 weeks in partnership with two or three other congregations.

Individual donations may be made out to the **Foundation for Community Partnerships, for TIS**, and sent to the **Talbot Interfaith Shelter, P.O. Box 2004, Easton, MD 21601**

Finances (as of October 31, 2009)



Income

Current Month	\$ 39,222	“Fair”
Budget YTD	460,500	
Current YTD	436,777	
Over/(Under) YTD	(\$ 23,723)	“Poor”

Pledges

Current Month	\$ 31,806	“Fair”
Budget YTD	384,000	
Current YTD	370,794	
Over/(Under) YTD	(\$ 13,206)	“Poor”

Expenses

Current Month	\$ 42,605	“Fair”
Budget YTD	480,044	
Current YTD	462,654	
Over/(Under) YTD	(\$ 17,390)	“Good”

Income less Expenditures

Current Month	\$ 3,383	“Poor”
Budget YTD	(19,544)	
Current YTD	(25,877)	
Surplus/(Deficit) YTD	(\$ 6,333)	“Poor”

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 12/1 Wally Jansen
- 12/2 Anna Sanford
- 12/3 Art & Nancy Waxter’s Anniversary
- 12/4 Harvey Stewart, Eric Moseley
- 12/5 Basil DeLashmutt, Maryan Ramey, Zachary Johnson
- 12/6 Fran Brown
- 12/8 Elaine Magrath, Bob Adams
Harry & Linda Seemans Anniversary
- 12/9 Ab Kingman, Linn Ong, Elizabeth Morgan
- 12/13 Norma Harris, Darlene Leach
- 12/14 Tom Hamilton
- 12/15 Jane Hopkinson
- 12/16 Ned McCall
- 12/17 Robert Moore
- 12/18 Lillian Watts, Sue Brannegan, Debbie Gregg
- 12/20 Sheila Mann, Betty Hurford, Fritz Riedlin, Jason Chance,
Chris Potosnack
- 12/21 Neil Armstrong, James Vail
- 12/22 Dolly Carter, Irene Valliant, Frank Hopkinson
Lindsay Stewart
- 12/23 Charles Wilson, Janet Raitt, Shawn Clark, Helen Fegan
- 12/24 Carol Kilbourn
- 12/25 Barbara Jablin, Barbara Goetze, Carol Stewart,
Leslie Stevenson
- 12/27 Mike Esposito, Kristen Shaw
- 12/28 Claire Hughson
- 12/29 James Rhine, Jack Hughes
Roger & Aly Valentine’s Anniversary
- 12/30 Elizabeth Guthrie,
- 12/31 Laurie Driggs, Barbara MacInnes

Ministry Areas of Christ Church

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Adult Forum	Doris Fink
Adult Inquirers	Mark Nestlehutt
Church School	Lee Thomas
Disciples Program	Christopher Whyman
Youth Confirmation	Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt

OUTREACH & WIDER MISSION

Back to School Project	Gillian Whyman, Judy Sandground
Children’s Home Found	Nance DuPont, Dianne Shaw
Commun. Youth Initiative	Mark Nestlehutt
Episcopal Relief & Dev.	Pamela McCloud
El Hogar Project	Ned McCall
Grants Committee	John Hunnicutt
Habitat for Humanity	John Hunnicutt
Honduran Dental Mission	Jim Campi
St. Michaels Food Bank	John & Nancy Masone
United Thank Offering	Carol Carlson

PARISH & COMMUNITY LIFE

Coffee Hour	Fritz Riedlin
Covenant Churches	Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt
Docent’s Guild	Joan Frey
Episcopal Church Women	Peggy Orem, Sheila Vaughan
Final Fridays	Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt
Kitchen Committee	Mary Riedlin, Nancy Sipe
Layweebers	Kay Perkins
Lea Library	Robert & Marilyn Barrett
Lemonade/Cider in Hall	TBD
Men’s Club	Leo Foulds
Tidings Newsletter	Kim Liberatore-Stolz
Welcoming Committee	Jim McCloud

PASTORAL CARE

Care Circle	Joan Zwemer
Eucharistic Visitors	Jessie Weddle
Flower Delivery	Molly Malkus
Knitting Group	Linda Spire
Pastoral Visitors	Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt
Prayer Chain	Doris Fink
Stephen Ministry	Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt

STEWARDSHIP

Clergy Liaisons: Clergy Team

Vestry Liaisons: John Booth, Robert Burger, Sal Simoncini & Carl Widell

Annual Campaign	Carl Widell
Finance Committee	Robert Burger
Property	John Booth, Sal Simoncini

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Acolytes’ Guild	Lee Hamilton
Altar Guild	Helen Bower, Judy Hause
Choirs: Chancel	William Thomas
Handbell	Bernice Thomas
Youth	William Thomas
Euch. Ministers & Readers	Chloe Pitard
Flower Guild	Nancy Besso
Greeters/Shepherds	Tom Mendenhall
Ushers	Robert Burger

Staff

The Rev. Mark S. Nestlehutt, *Rector*
The Rev. Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt, *Associate Rector*
The Reverend Mary Garner, *Assistant Rector*
Mr. William R. Thomas, *Director of Music*
Ms. Carol A. Osborne, *Parish Administrator*
Mr. George E. Short *Sexton*
Ms. Dominique P. Sturgis, *Nursery Director*

Vestry

Christopher Whyman, *Senior Warden*
Alison Sanford, *Junior Warden*
Ed Sipe, *Treasurer*
Mary Ellen Olcese, *Registrar*

Michael Clark 2010
Clyde Sisk 2010
Sheila Vaughan 2010
Carl Widell 2010

Bob Burger 2011
Jim McCloud 2011
Sal Simoncini 2011
Joan Zwemer 2011

John Booth 2012
Philip Parkinson 2012
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