

# TIDINGS

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

March 2009

## The Reverend Mary Garner *Sabbatical Priest*



We are pleased to introduce the Reverend Mary Garner who will be serving as assisting priest to the Reverend Paul Winters during the rector and associate rector's sabbaticals. Mary is a very gifted preacher who enjoys pastoral visiting and working with children and young people. She earned her Master of Divinity from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, was ordained in the Diocese of Southern Virginia and served in parishes in Norfolk before moving to Easton this past summer. She is currently serving as interim assistant at St. Peter's Church in Salisbury. Mary will be with us from May through mid-September.

## Surviving “Organized” Religion:

### *How to Respond When Someone Sits in Your Pew*

Morehouse Publishing recently issued a book titled *The Episcopal Handbook*, which is filled with helpful advice such as: Why You Won't Get Sick Sharing a Communion Cup; How to Share the Peace; How to Get Re-Married in an Episcopal Church; and What to Bring to a Church Potluck (by Region). It also contains a chapter on How to Respond When Someone Sits in Your Pew. This particular chapter caught my attention because I am aware that on occasion a few visitors to Christ Church have been greeted with the words, “You're sitting in my pew” (which is not a prize winning response). *The Episcopal Handbook* suggests that whenever our bubble of personal space and territorial instinct is violated on a Sunday morning by a newcomer or visitor, that there are at least three positive responses:

- 1. Smile and greet the “intruders.”** These visitors are generally unaware that they've accidentally displaced you from your birthright. So, look them in the eye, greet them like you mean it, and leave no impression that they've done something wrong.
- 2. View the “intrusion” as an opportunity.** Remember that you do not own the pew; you just borrow it once a week. Take the opportunity to get out of your rut and sit someplace new. This may yield new spiritual discoveries.
- 3. If you can tell that your new friends feel uncomfortable at having displaced you, make an extra effort to welcome them.** Consider taking them to Coffee Hour, Cider in the Hall, or to brunch after church to become acquainted.

--*The Episcopal Handbook*, Morehouse Publishing (New York: 2008)

## Monthly Service of Evensong

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM

On the first Sunday of the month from October through April, Christ Church offers the beautiful service of sung Evening Prayer, or Evensong. This month we will remember the English priest, George Herbert, who was also a talented poet. Some of his poems have been set to music and are found in our *1982 Hymnal*. Please join the clergy and Chancel Choir for this lovely and contemplative sung service.

*Sherry and sparkling water are served following the service.*

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 Healing Service – 10AM Wednesdays  
**Sunday Services: 8AM & 10:15AM**

Submissions to the *TIDINGS* monthly parish newsletter are due on the **15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month**

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## One Hour

During college I developed the terrible habit of falling asleep at all the wrong times—mostly during class. I tried everything to stay awake but nothing seemed to work. Much to my relief, I did not have the same trouble in seminary. Finally, I was able to remain alert and participatory through each class. It was wonderful. Looking back it seems clear to me that training for the varsity crew team, combined with other realities of college life, simply made me over-tired. A simple thing like staying awake for a lecture—even a very interesting one with a famous professor—seemed impossible and that was frustrating. For this reason, I have always identified with the disciples who fell asleep in Gethsemane. I am pretty sure that I would have fallen asleep as well.

At the end of the Maundy Thursday service, after we have had the foot washing to remind us that we are called to serve one another and shared in the Eucharist as the disciples shared a final meal with Jesus and just before we strip the altar, we read in the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel According to Matthew:



36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, ‘Sit here while I go over there and pray.’ 37 He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. 38 Then he said to them, ‘I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.’ 39 And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, ‘My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.’ 40 Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, ‘So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? 41 Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.’ 42 Again he went away for the second time and prayed, ‘My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.’ 43 Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. 44 So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. 45 Then he came to the disciples and said to them, ‘Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.’

At the conclusion of this reading the clergy, with the help of the altar guild, will remove or cover all visible signs of Christ’s presence, leaving the church empty and barren, like a tomb, until the moment of Easter. During this process we will move the reserved sacrament—consecrated bread and wine—and set up an altar of repose in the chapel. After the Maundy Thursday service many churches remain open and parishioners keep vigil just as Jesus commanded the disciples to stay awake while he prayed in the garden of Gethsemane. Volunteers sign up for one-hour turns throughout the night and sit, pray or even fall asleep while contemplating this part of the journey. The watch concludes with the Good Friday liturgy. This year I want to offer the opportunity to keep watch for one hour. If you are interested in keeping vigil in the church for one hour between 8pm on Thursday and noon on Good Friday please contact me by telephone or e-mail. There will be a watch at Christ Church if there is interest. If not, I encourage you to find just one hour somewhere when you can stay awake for Jesus.



## Vestry Retreats and Lenten Disciplines

Last month on Valentine’s Day, the newly constituted Vestry of Christ Church—along with the wardens, treasurer, registrar and clergy—gathered at Osprey Point in Royal Oak for a daylong retreat to build relationships with each other and to plan for the coming year.

During the course of the morning, which included Morning Prayer and ended with Holy Eucharist, the group was presented with forums on understanding parish financial statements, explicating the various ministry areas at Christ Church, and articulating the duties, responsibilities and expectations for members of our Vestry. It was a very busy morning.

After lunch, our work together continued as we explored what shape or form a parish sabbatical project might take (a project organized and led by the congregation’s lay leadership and generally timed to coincide with the clergy sabbatical). We also reaffirmed our commitment to the goals that were prioritized during the previous year’s retreat. These are: (1) to endeavor to recruit, welcome and incorporate visitors, newcomers, and new members in the life of Christ Church; and (2) to deepen our parish’s commitment to our ministries with children and young people in our parish and community. By four o’clock in the afternoon we had finished Evening Prayer and were saying goodbye to one another when everyone seemed to notice how enlivened the group had become. The energy of the vestry had built throughout the daylong retreat and, rather than seeming tired, the group seemed excited. Reflecting upon this, it seems to me that the vestry retreat can be a metaphor for Lent and Holy Week.

On February 25<sup>th</sup> we marked *Ash Wednesday*—the entry point into the season of Lent. It is that time of year when we are asked to be intentional and deliberate in our relationship with God and to be particularly mindful of how we spend our time. The liturgy in the prayer book invites us into a period of “self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word.” These are the means of keeping a holy Lent. Throughout the five Sundays that constitute Lent our energy builds in anticipation of celebrating Christ’s resurrection. Yet, as we approach the precipice of that event we experience what feels like a setback on Palm Sunday. We may even question how we arrived at this place and wonder how our energy may hold up through Holy Week and Good Friday. At the end of it all, however, we are rewarded with a burst of new energy and excitement. We have the opportunity once again to proclaim that “Christ is risen” and ponder what this means for ourselves and those around us.

This journey that began in the colder and darker days of February is “the” journey of our faith. Without the resurrection of Christ there would be no Christians and no Church. All of our meaning comes through the resurrection. Yet to fully experience the power of this assertion, we have to live through the long days of Lent. We have to mark the Fast Days of our faith, before we can fully appreciate the Feast Days.

During March we will witness changes all around us. The days will grow longer and traces of spring may be in the air. It also is a time for witnessing changes that occur within us. My prayer for each of us in this community is that, at the end of this religious journey called Lent, we will find ourselves not more tired, but more energized.

— Mark Nestlehatt

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Flower Mart Festival – Karen Orem

ECW's annual trip is Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, to the Washington National Cathedral's annual Flower Mart Festival.

The festival features plants, flowers, and herbs for sale as well as more than 50 boutique booths, antiques, collectibles, and used and rare books. Tours will be offered of Olmstead Woods and the gardens. Food booths offer lobster rolls and a variety of other foods. The bus will leave from Christ Church at 8:30 AM, making a stop to pick up people in Easton. The bus will return by 5:00 PM. The bus will park in an underground parking lot from which there is an elevator that leads to the front of the Cathedral.

Women and men of the parish are invited on a first come, first served basis. The sign-up sheet is available on the Parish Hall bulletin board until April 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Karen Orem at 410-770-3629 or [korem@goeaston.net](mailto:korem@goeaston.net).

### The Rummage Sale is Coming!

The Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Search your cupboards, attics and storage areas for items in good condition that we can sell such as clothing, electronics, kitchenware, treasures, linens, books, art work, toys, jewelry and furniture. All donations will be accepted at Etherton Hall on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Rummage Sale is a win/win for our community. It provides great bargains in these tough economic times and all proceeds are given to charities. We will need many volunteers (men and women) to make the Rummage Sale a success. Come join us in this worthwhile ministry!

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Carol McCanna at 410-745-5373 or Judy Sandground at 410-745-5118. For jewelry donations contact Lillian Watts at 410-745-9999.



### FISH FRY FIESTA FUND-RAISER

Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

First Seating 5:00-6:00 PM

Second Seating 6:30-7:30 PM

\$10 per person, \$5 children under 10

Since 2005, the year we sent our first work team to El Hogar de Amor y Esperanza, a project that lovingly cares for and educates abandoned, orphaned, and hopelessly poor boys and girls in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, our relationship has deepened. To date, we have sent three work teams to El Hogar and raised funds to build a state of the art dental facility on the campus. In addition, many parishioners and the ECW sponsor children at El Hogar.

In the past, proceeds from the fish fry fund-raiser covered the project costs associated with each work team. While Christ Church will not be sending down a work team in 2009, all proceeds from the fish fry will be sent to El Hogar. There exists a great need as they struggle to feed, clothe, house, and educate approximately 200 children. From the most recent El Hogar newsletter, Director Richard Kunz writes "...at El Hogar, we have experienced a convergence of three distressing factors: less money available, higher costs of operation, and more demand for our services. What may feel like a tightening of the belt to North Americans, is felt in a place like Honduras as a crisis of daily bread."

The fish fry has become an annual fund-raising event that people of the church and surrounding community support and look forward to. So, mark your calendars, tell your friends, grab a neighbor and come to Etherton Hall on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> for a fantastic Fish Fry Fiesta!

## More ANNOUNCEMENTS ...



### MAUNDY THURSDAY April 9th Agape Meal 6:00 PM Service in the church 7:00 PM

Sharing an agape meal on Maundy Thursday has become a wonderful Holy Week custom at Christ Church. During this sacred time, a festive feast is not appropriate, but a simple meal of traditional foods shared family style together with blessings and readings reminds us of the last supper that Jesus shared with his friends. It is a wonderful time for fellowship and worship as we journey together to the cross. We hope that you will join us on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Fish for the meal will be provided. Participants are asked to bring offerings like cheese, olives, dried fruit and bread. Please plan to arrive between 5:30-5:45 PM so that we are ready to sit down for dinner together at 6:00PM. Sign up sheets are available in the Parish House or you may phone the Parish office at 410-745-9076 to let us know that you will be there. If you have any questions or wish to lend a hand, please phone Martha Austin at 410-745-3049.

### Covenant Churches Lenten Series *Hope In Our Times*

Join us on Tuesday evenings during Lent as we gather with other Bay Hundred Area people of faith for fellowship, worship and reflection. Dinner begins at 6:00 pm and is followed by a program in the church at 7:00 pm.

March 3	Union United Methodist Church
March 10	New St. John's Methodist Church
March 17	Christ Church
March 24	Royal Oak United Methodist Church
March 31	St. Luke's

### *Lenten Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery*

On Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, ten people from Christ Church will make the journey to West Park, New York for retreat. Led by Brother Adam McCoy, they will explore Lenten themes that help us to understand what it means to live as a person of faith in the world, especially during these difficult times. Please keep the group in your prayers. They will return on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions about this retreat or are interested in being a part of future groups please speak with Abigail.

### Talbot Interfaith Shelter

Christ Church St. Michaels is hosting the Interfaith Shelter for two weeks. The 15<sup>th</sup> of February marked the beginning of the first week and the second week will begin March 22<sup>nd</sup> – March 28<sup>th</sup>. We are still in need of volunteers to help with the set-up and break-down of the site. Set-up shifts are Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> in the mid-afternoon. Break down shifts begin Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00AM. If you can help with either of these shifts, please contact Aly Valentine at 410-829-7776 or email [aly.valentine@gmail.com](mailto:aly.valentine@gmail.com).

## GROUP & CLUB NEWS



### Attention all Women of Christ Church – Sheila Vaughan

The ECW Card Party on March 10<sup>th</sup> is filled. Thanks to all who have reserved tables and a special thanks to Londonderry for hosting this event. Because of their generosity, ECW will raise \$900 for charity. We are still accepting prize donations of wine, new bridge card sets, pretty treasures--anything that you would like to receive yourself. You may drop off the unwrapped items in the bins provided in Carolyn's office. Note: The card party will be held *in lieu of* our monthly ECW meeting. There will be no board meeting that day.

Many thanks to Tom Orem for his informative presentation on personal finances at our February luncheon!

ECW's annual report is available to read on our Christ Church website. If you would like a printed copy, please contact Sheila Vaughan.

#### Save the dates (more information to follow)

Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>: ECW luncheon program by Betsy Taylor on the gardens of Beatrice Farand.

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>: ECW trip to the National Cathedral Flower Mart.

Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>: Luncheon invitation at St. Luke's, *in lieu of* our monthly ECW meeting.

If you would like to receive ECW email updates please send your email address to Sheila Vaughan at [svaughan@atlanticbb.net](mailto:svaughan@atlanticbb.net)

### Docents' Guild – Linda Makosky

In January, Betty Mitchell and Joan Frey, the outgoing and incoming chairwomen of the Guild, prepared the 2008 annual report for the Vestry. They analyzed the signatures on the pages of the guest registry book to learn how many visitors we had and where they came from.

They reported: "Our docents welcome nearly 2,000 visitors annually to our beautiful church. The records for 2008 show more than eighteen hundred people came from across the United States and thirty signed in from foreign countries. What a rewarding and important role our docents have as ambassadors of our lovely church. Just two hours each month, May to October, is the commitment we ask for. Please help us in this important ministry!" (Thanks to Betty and Joan for sharing their report.)

Schedulers Faye Shannahan and Sue Kilmon together with Joan Frey have set the date for our spring meeting. We will gather on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in Etherton Hall. So, as soon as you read these words, mark your calendar! Over coffee we will have an exchange of experiences and ideas and make plans for the season ahead. Please be ready to tell Faye and Sue what day you would like to serve. They will be working hard to develop the duty calendar for mailing in April.

If you have been thinking about joining the Guild, come to the meeting. You can also call with your questions to Faye Shannahan at 410-745-9373 or Sue Kilmon at 410-745-3141.

### The Men's Group – Leo Foulds

Better to know him socially than professionally! Captain Horace Johnson, Deputy Warden at Talbot County Department of Corrections will be our guest speaker at 8:00 AM on March 14<sup>th</sup> in Etherton Hall. He will be outlining the function of the center and what "guests" experience.

The April Meeting will be a video of fly fishing for bass on the Chesapeake Bay. Our meetings are better than just lying in bed!

If you are not a member of the Men's Group and wish to join please contact Leo Foulds at 410-745-6153. To attend the March meeting, please contact Leo prior to March 11<sup>th</sup>.

## MONTHLY FEATURE

### **Sustainability--A Theory of Radical Abundance** – Margie Steffens

On January 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, more than 20 participants from Christ Church, Cambridge, and Salisbury and other locations joined together in the library of our church to experience a simulcast conference from Trinity Church, Wall Street. The subject was *Sustainability--A Theory of Radical Abundance*. The speakers tied together the idea of sustainability to abundance, which might seem like a contradiction. But God's love is manifested in abundance in our lives, and it was suggested that "sustainability is understanding God's abundant love and acting out that love in response to God's gifts". As a result of this understanding, "sustainability" then becomes a theological construct.

Timothy Gorringer was particularly interesting as he used the theme that we are hearing so often, "change". He asked us to think about rearranging our lives to underscore Jesus' words in Matthew's gospel about the "last being first" and "blessed are the meek", and "those who lose their life will keep it". He challenged us to look at our present lives with respect to the climate crisis of the planet and the suffering in communities here and around the world, and examine how we can restructure our lives and work centers, and see what they say about how we see God. His book is [The Theology of the Built Environment](#).

Nestor Miguez confronted us with the problems of corporate greed, which he deemed as "evil" (sin), and presented us with a hard look at how we are perceived in Third World countries. Some of what he said left us with a bit of discomfort.

David Korten was a marvelous speaker as he encouraged us as Christians to confront our failing environment and social systems and embrace this moment as an opportunity to unleash our human potential by using our theological beliefs to guide us in "turning our cultures, economies and politics to partnership relations." He feels that a "spiritual awakening in the world will make it a change for the better". David Korten's publication is entitled [When Corporations Rule the World](#).

Majora Carter showed passion and courage as she described her work in the South Bronx. Her personal involvement with this blighted community that had become a dumping ground for all of New York was very moving. She used the "green" economy to lift people out of poverty and saw a huge change in the community, the environment and the economy. She sees a strong connection between sustainability and economic justice.

The theological reflections that we engaged in after each presentation were invaluable. They helped us clarify what the speakers said, bind together as participants, and discuss what we could do in our own churches.

All participants found the conference very worthwhile, and I would like to express my thanks to Mark for letting me coordinate this program, Jim McCloud for his invaluable tech prowess, and to Carolyn for her work at the front desk in outreach and general help. Hopefully, next year we can engage in the simulcast again, as Trinity/Wall Street presents us with another exciting program.

## MONTHLY FEATURE cont.

### Book Review:

#### ***Anglican Communion in Crisis: How Episcopal Dissidents and Their African Allies Are Reshaping Anglicanism***, by Miranda K. Hassett (Princeton University Press)

**Overview:** The sign outside the conservative, white church in the small southern U.S. town announces that the church is part of the Episcopal Church--of Rwanda. In *Anglican Communion in Crisis*, Miranda Hassett tells the fascinating story of how a new alliance between conservative American Episcopalians and African Anglicans is transforming conflicts between American Episcopalians--especially over homosexuality--into global conflicts within the Anglican church. In the mid-1990s, conservative American Episcopalians and Anglican leaders from Africa and other parts of the Southern Hemisphere began to forge ties in opposition to the American Episcopal Church's perceived liberalism and growing toleration of homosexuality. This resulted in dozens of American Episcopal churches submitting to the authority of African bishops. Based on wide research, interviews with key participants and observers, and months Hassett spent in a southern U.S. parish of the Episcopal Church of Rwanda and in Anglican communities in Uganda, *Anglican Communion in Crisis* is the first anthropological examination of the coalition between American Episcopalians and African Anglicans. The book challenges common views--that the relationship between the Americans and Africans is merely one of convenience or even that the Americans bought the support of the Africans. Instead, Hassett argues that their partnership is a deliberate and committed movement that has tapped the power and language of globalization in an effort to move both the American Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican Communion to the right

**Review:** This is a fascinating book. It goes beyond the superficial news reporting to deal substantively with the undercurrent of issues impacting the Anglican Communion... This is a surprisingly balanced and very disciplined anthropological study that asks a series of very fundamental questions that could be the basis for future research... This is not a political tome. It is a serious work of anthropology that deserves wide readership for its discussion of cultural and political dynamics as much as the continuing 'reasoning' within the Anglican Communion. id R. Smedley, Amazon.com This gem of a book based on Miranda Hassett's dissertation in anthropology urgently needs to be read and discussed by many throughout the Anglican Communion. It will appeal to those still trying to understand what happened at Lambeth 1998 as they prepare for Lambeth 2008, as well as others looking for a fresh perspective on the global Anglican Communion controversy. -- Joseph Duggan *Journal of Religion*

### Holy Week Schedule – *Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>*

***Palm Sunday***, April 5<sup>th</sup>

8 AM - Palm Sunday Liturgy  
10:15 AM – Palm Sunday Liturgy  
5 PM – Evensong

***Holy Monday***, April 6<sup>th</sup>

12 PM – Holy Eucharist

***Holy Tuesday***, April 7<sup>th</sup>

12 PM – Holy Eucharist

***Holy Wednesday***, April 8<sup>th</sup>

12 PM – Holy Eucharist

***Maundy Thursday***, April 9<sup>th</sup>

6 PM – Agape Meal  
7 PM – Maundy Thursday

***Good Friday***, April 10<sup>th</sup>

12 PM – Good Friday Liturgy  
5 PM – Stations of the Cross

***Easter Eve***, April 11<sup>th</sup>

8 PM – The Great Vigil

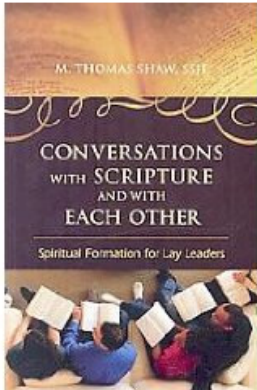
***Easter Day***, April 12<sup>th</sup>

8 AM – Holy Eucharist  
9:15 AM – Family Service

***Followed by Easter Egg Hunt***

11 AM – Festal Eucharist

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION



### Lenten Book Group:

Conversations with Scripture and with One Another  
**M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE**

*During the Season of Lent (February 25 – April 4) parishioners are invited to join in a book discussion group of Bishop Tom Shaw's Conversations with Scripture and with One Another. The group will meet on Monday afternoons from 1 – 2:30 PM in the Lea Library beginning on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and ending on March 30<sup>th</sup>.*

Tom Shaw, a monastic and the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, asks the question “What are the challenges you face in your congregation and your own spiritual life?” He notes that one’s answer may differ depending upon the person’s primary association with the church. Wrestling with functions or programs may take over time from our own spiritual development. How do we balance the two roles and responsibilities and why should we? Shaw states that we maintain our allegiance to the parish because it is where the face of God is revealed to us. Books are available on line through Amazon.com or may be ordered through Harrison Street Books in Easton: ISBN 13: 978-0-7425-6279-0. Please notify Carolyn in the Parish Office to register, carolyn@christstmichaels.org or 410-745-9076.

### Stephen Ministry Update – Aly Valentine

This is an exciting time for Stephen Ministry! Four individuals --- Robyn Dunn, Susie Granville, Tom Mendenhall and Marie Wroten (St. Luke's Methodist Church) have just completed the training program for Stephen Ministry. They will be commissioned on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at both the 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM services. We hope that you will join us and share your support as they begin this important ministry in their life and the life of our parish.

These four individuals join thirteen others who serve as Stephen Ministers in our parish and community. During the first two years of Stephen Ministry, we have served 20 individuals; currently, there are 10 active matches. Stephen Ministers provide companionship, care and hope to individuals who are in need. If you know someone who may need a Stephen Minister, please contact a member of the leadership team.

We ask that you continue to pray for those involved in Stephen Ministry; your prayers are an important part of this ministry.

### The Adult Christian Formation Group – Doris Fink

We look forward to having you join us each week. Following is our March schedule.

March 1 “Christ Church Special Project”  
 Susan Devlin, Executive Director,  
 Habitat for Humanity of Talbot and  
 Dorchester Counties.

March 8 -29 “The Problem of Good and  
 Evil”. The clergy will present this  
 series.

Coffee Hour at the parish house begins at 9:00 AM.  
 The Forum presentations begin promptly at 9:15  
 AM and conclude by 9:58 AM.

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 Forums sessions.

**Finances (as of January 31, 2009)**



**Income**

Current Month	\$80,877	“Poor”
Budget YTD	\$96,856	
Current YTD	\$80,877	
Over/(Under) YTD	\$<15,979>	“Poor”

**Pledges**

Current Month	\$76,862	“Poor”
Budget YTD	\$87,000	
Current YTD	\$76,862	
Over/(Under) YTD	\$<10,138>	“Poor”

**Expenses**

Current Month	\$51,196	“Good”
Budget YTD	\$55,249	
Current YTD	\$51,196	
Over/(Under) YTD	\$<4,053>	“Good”

**Income less Expenditures**

Current Month	\$29,681	“Poor”
Budget YTD	\$41,607	
Current YTD	\$29,681	
Surplus/(Deficit) YTD	\$<11,926>	“Poor”

**March Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 1 Bob Stolz
- 2 Roger Clark, Peg Orem
- 3 Connie Lindemen
- 4 Bill Magrath, Charlene Woodward
- 5 Lawrence Stewart, III
- 6 Carol Sue Clark
- 7 Margie Steffens
- 8 Edwin Bless, Lesley Moyer
- 9 Rick Morgan
- 10 Margaret Naeny
- 11 Tom Campi, Jr., Mary Ellen Olcese
- 12 Martha Austin
- 13 J. Philip Keller, George Raitt, James Keating
- 14 John Loflin, Penny Rhine
- 15 Lisa Rey
- 16 Frances Maffitt, Louise Woods
- 18 Matt Wemmer
- 19 Gillian Lewis, Celeste Mohlman
- 21 Pat Janson
- 22 Marge Bundock, Judy Hause
- Ron & Lynn Bryant (Anniv.)
- 23 Susan Armstrong
- 24 Lynn Bryant
- 26 Don & Janet Bickert (Anniv.)
- 29 Thomas Stolz, Maye Soulsman, Anne Pilert,
- Sue Kilmon
- 30 Sidney Scott Smith, John Masone

**Ministry Areas of Christ Church**

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

Adult Forum	Doris Fink
Adult Inquirers	Mark Nestlehutt
Church School	Ann Roe
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
Community Grants	Paul D’Zmura
Commun. Youth Initiative	Mark Nestlehutt
Episcopal Relief & Dev.	Pamela McCloud
El Hogar Project	Ned McCall
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**

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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**

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Finance Committee	Robert Burger
Property	John Booth, Sal Simoncini

**WORSHIP & MUSIC**

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

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Mary Ellen Olcese, *Registrar*

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Clyde Sisk 2010  
Sheila Vaughan 2010  
Carl Widell 2010

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

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Philip Parkinson 2012  
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